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Why Hydrogen? & lets bust some Myths

Naval Postgraduate School: Discussion on Hydrogen

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Homework - watch “Chasing Ice” purchase on Amazon for ~\$8.00



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➤ Time Scales

- 50 years the population will double
- 50 years to change the energy infrastructure
- 10 years (2030) to mitigate CO₂ emissions to avoid 1.5 °C global temperature rise above pre-industrial levels (IPCC 6th assessment level), we are already at 0.7 °C
- 30 - 50 year life time of large capital investments,
- 30 - 50 year for market penetration of new technologies
- 50 years my kids will be in retirement
- 50 years my grand kids will enjoy a midlife crisis
- 50 years maybe I will still be alive (I can always hope)
- 50 years most in this room will be alive!



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We have been spoiled with cheap energy – we need to get over it, dig in our heels and solve this!



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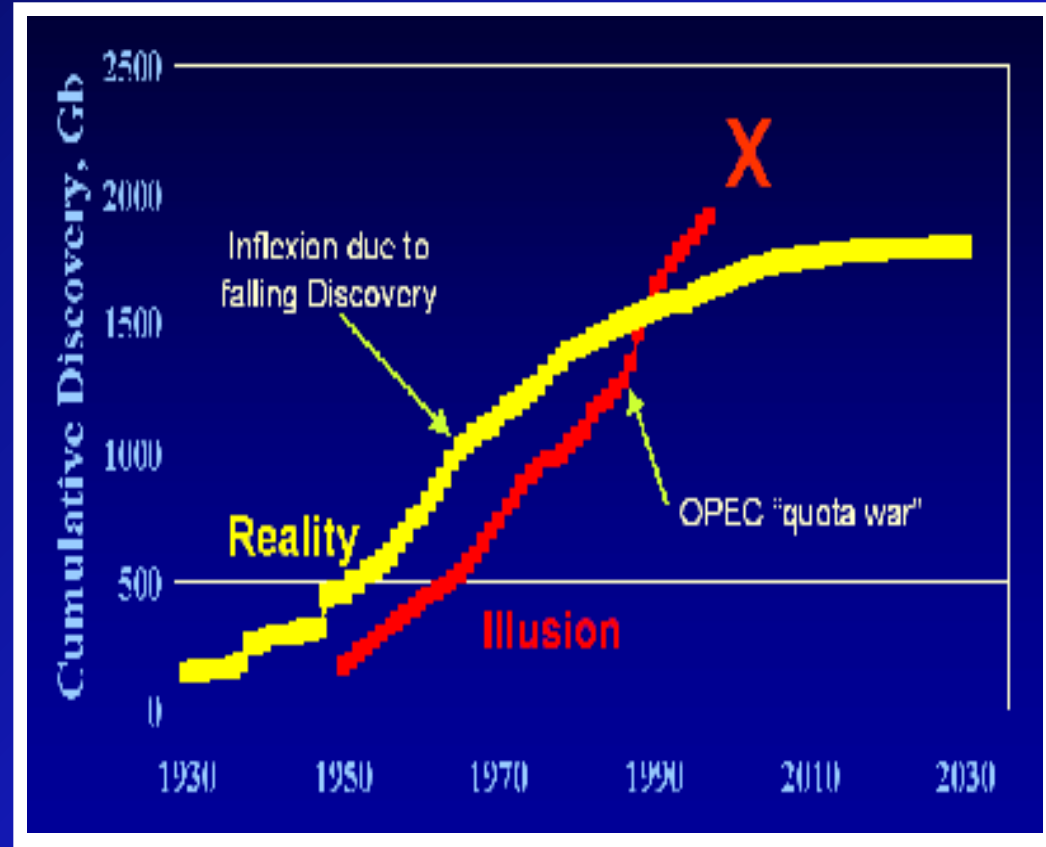
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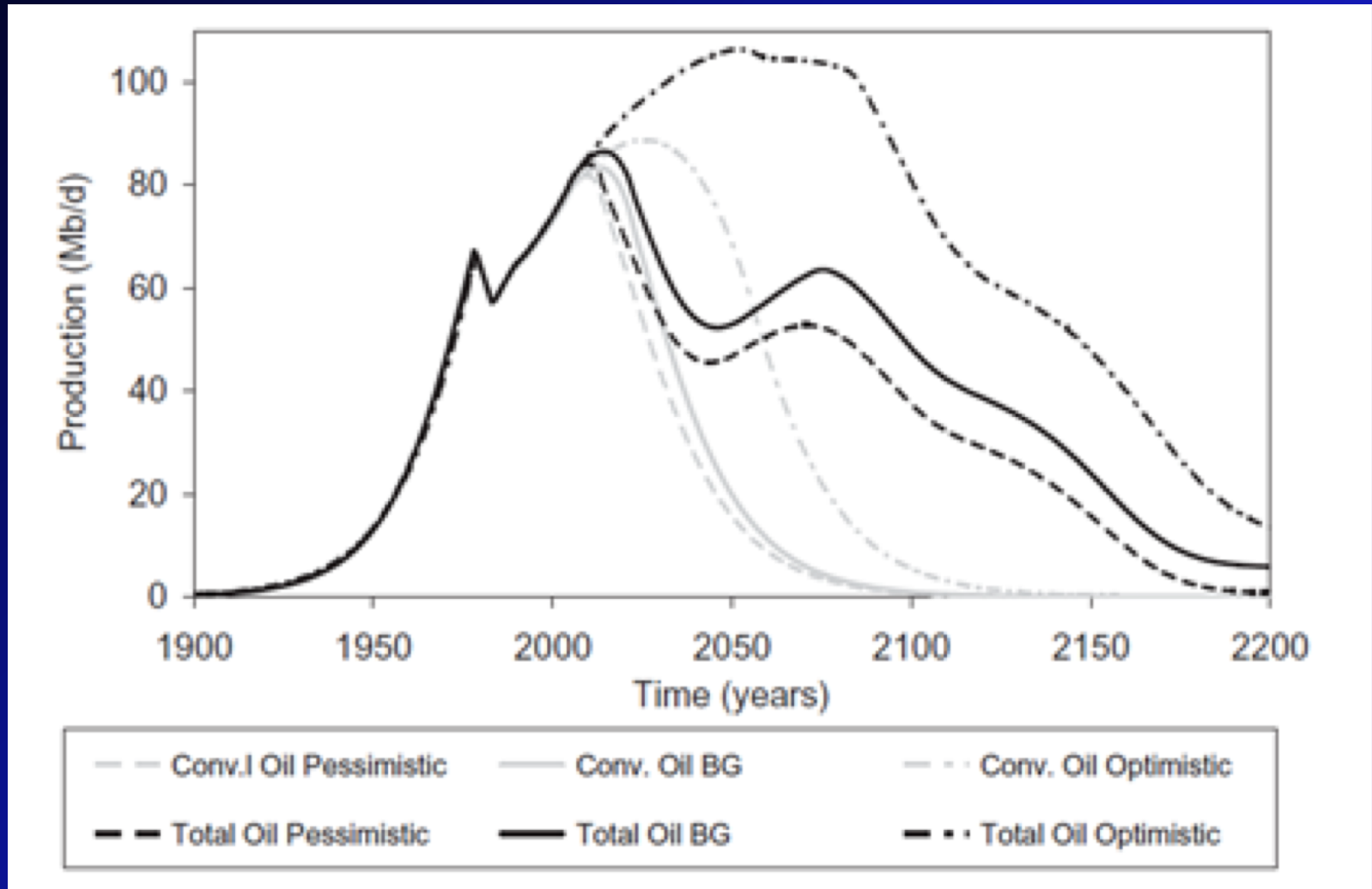
Oil Discovery – getting harder and harder

- Discovery of new conventional oil reserves is reaching an asymptote
- The “big” finds have been found.
- We have been misled due to imprecise data representation (Illusion Curve)



From a presentation given at the Technical University of Clausthal, by C.J. Campbell, December 2000
<http://www.geogogie.tu-claushtal.de/Campbell/lecture.html>

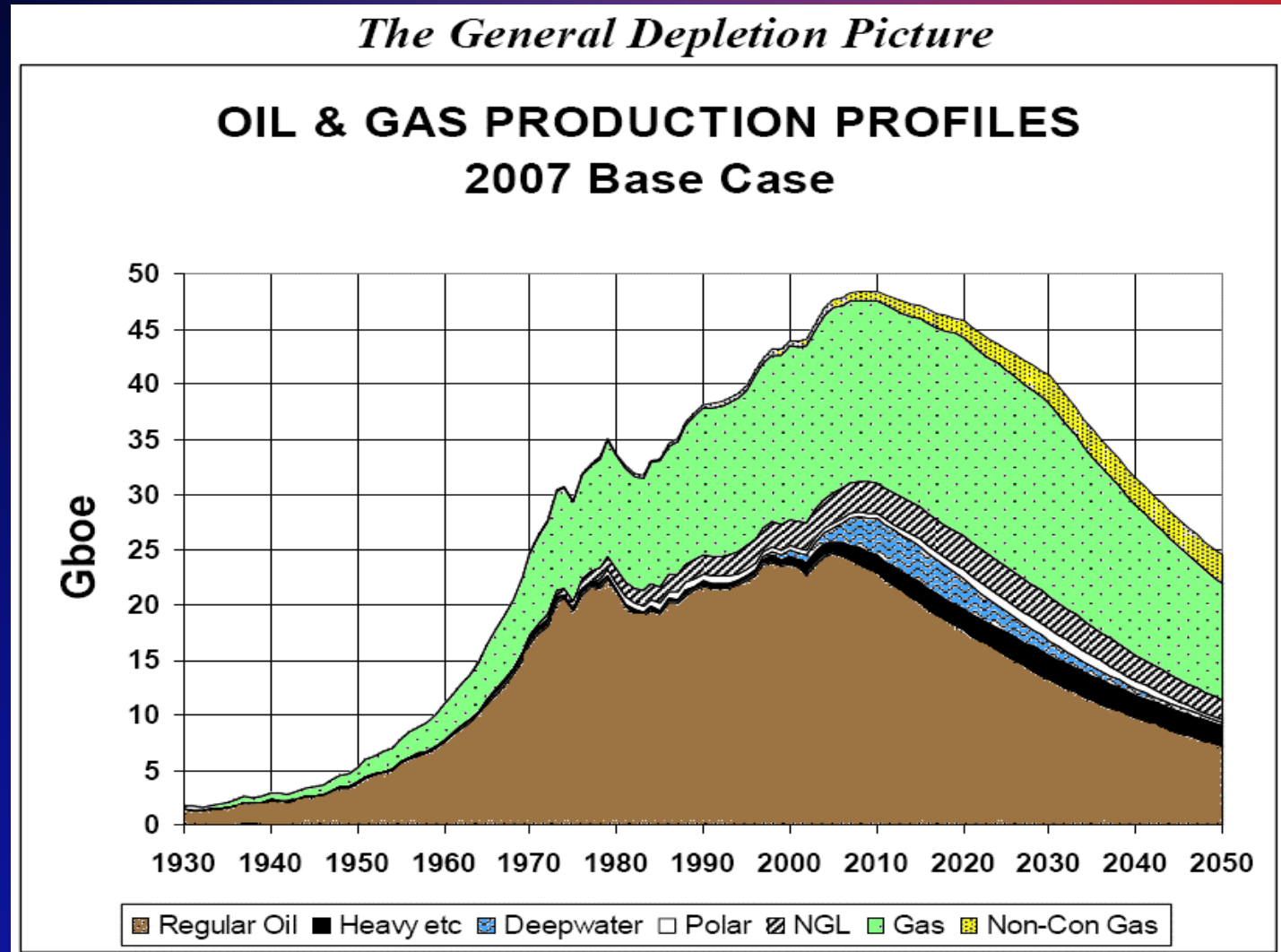
Hubbert's Curve - Total Oil (conventional plus unconventional)



S.H. Mohr and G.M.Evans, Energy Policy **38**, 265 (2010)



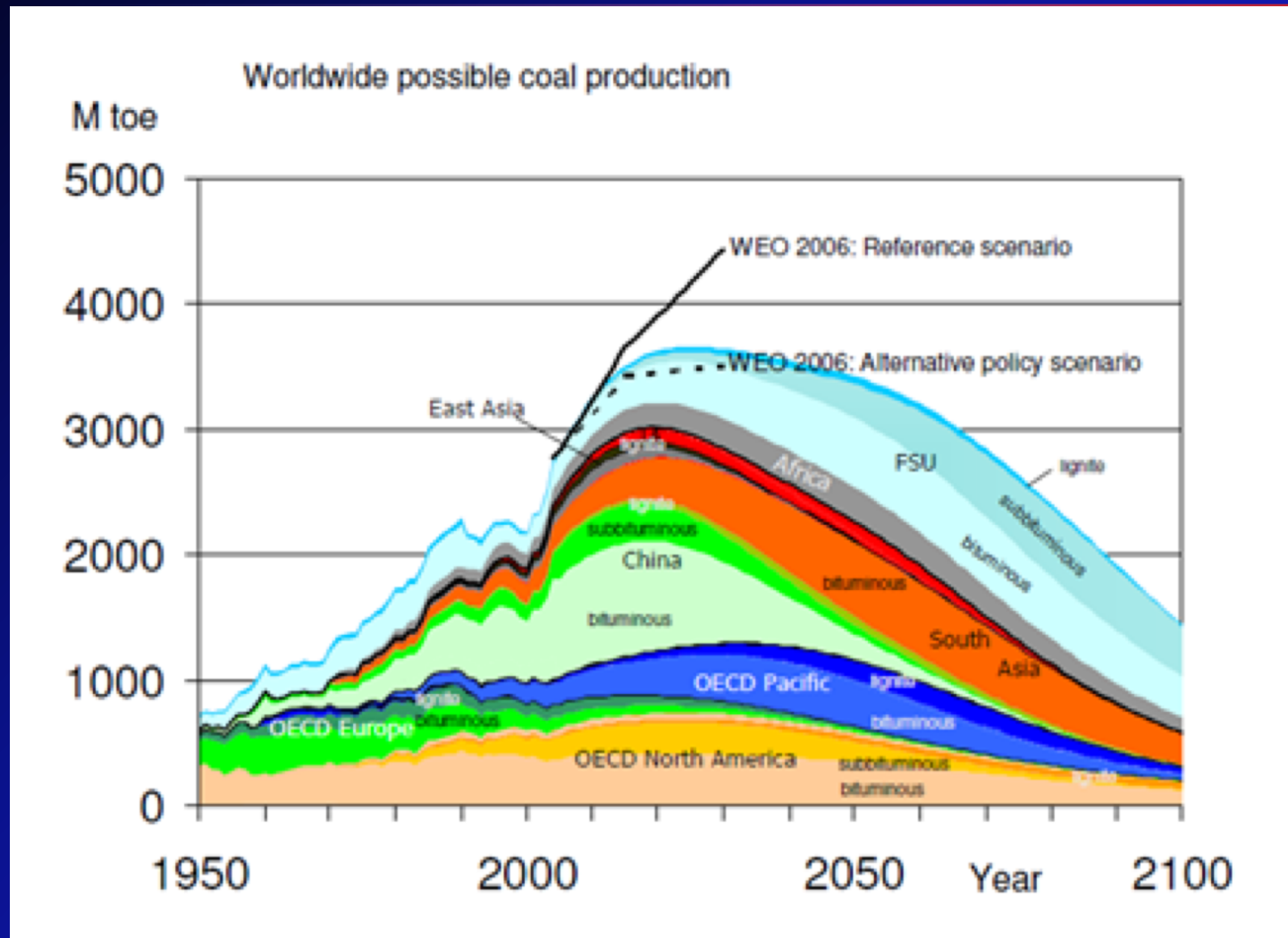
Hubbert's Curve – Oil and Gas



<http://www.peakoil.net/> ASPO (Association for the Study of Peak Oil)



Hubbert's Curve - Coal Reserves



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~1.3 % of the land for a reasonable standard of living for all!



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2007 + 20 is 2027 → 7 years from now!

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- From the 4th Assessment (FAR) - for a 2.0-2.4 °C increase in temperature we need to stabilize our CO₂-eq concentrations **to 445-490 ppm by 2050 and beyond** requiring 85-50% reduction in emissions from 2000 levels **(at 2019 we were at 417 PPM)**
- From the 6th Assessment - we need to cap temperature increase to 1.5 °C by 2030 to stop catastrophic climate effects (we are at 0.7 °C in 2019)

*James Hansen et.al. (NASA/Goddard Institute for Space Studies)



Stabilizing Atmospheric CO₂ Concentrations ...

- The residence time for CO₂ in the atmosphere is on the order of 120 years *
- The concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere is a result of cumulative net emissions **
 - From pre-industrial times to the indefinite future, by every economically developing country, everywhere on the planet . . . and with most emissions yet to come **
- Net Emissions must eventually decline to ZERO whatever the concentration target might be. **

** *Stabilizing Atmospheric Carbon:
The NCCTI Challenge,
Jae Edmonds, John Clarke
NCCTI Integration Group
Measurement, Monitoring and Validation
Workshop, September 26, 2001*

* *Combustion's Impact on the Global Atmosphere,
M. J. Prather, J.A. Logan
25th symposium (International) on Combustion/The
Combustion Institute
1994/pp 1513-1527*



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➤ While Nathan S. Lewis feels that energy is the single most important technological challenge facing humanity today, I maintain that:

- **Climate change is the most profound constraint on energy use facing humanity today.**

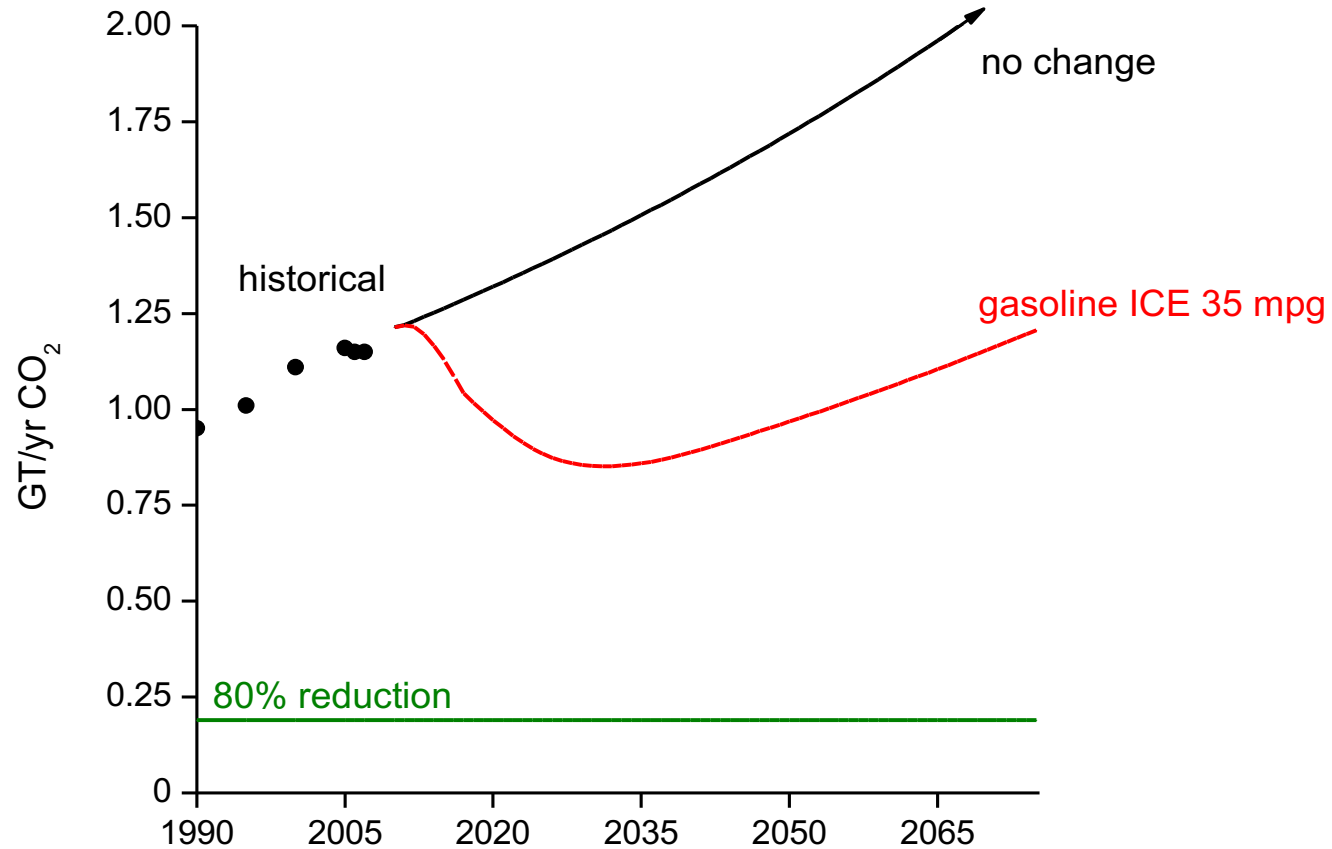


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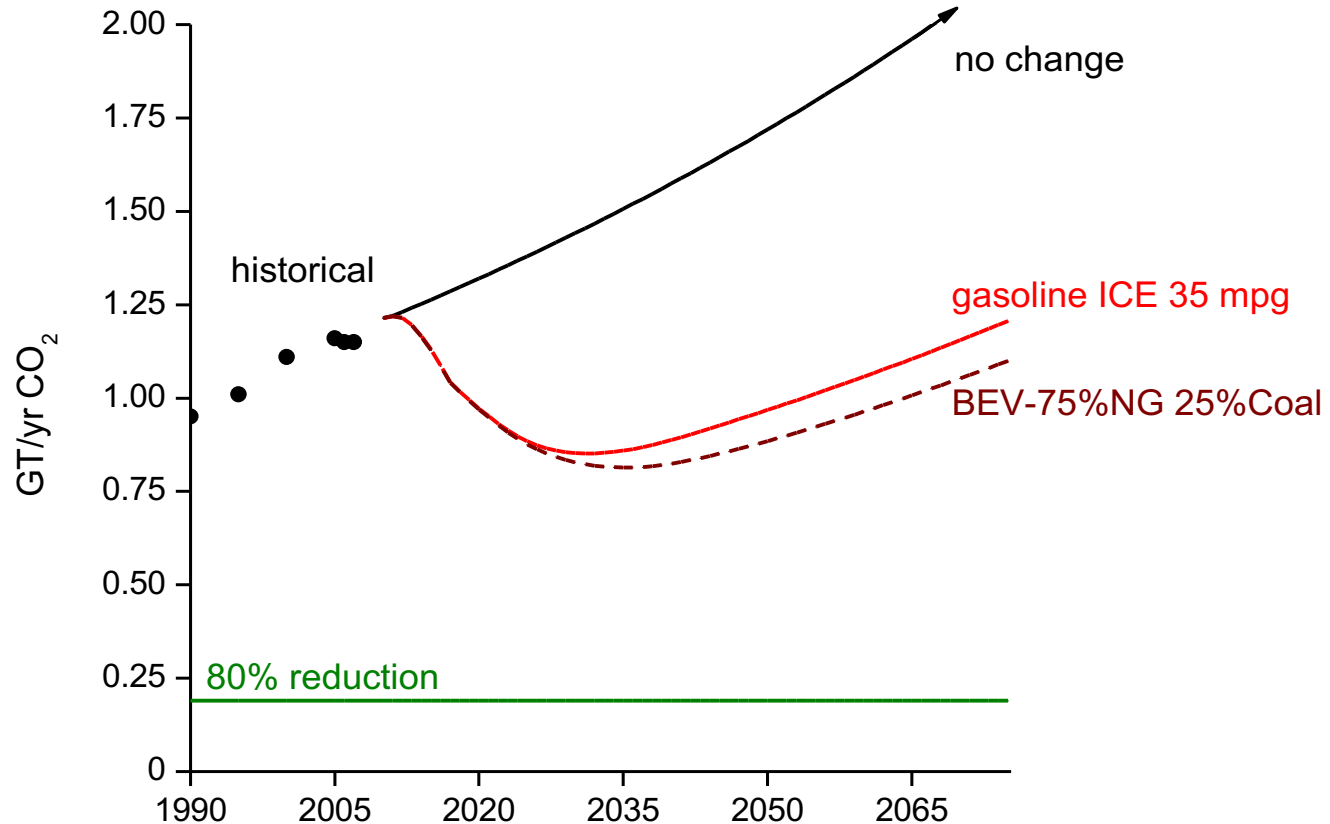
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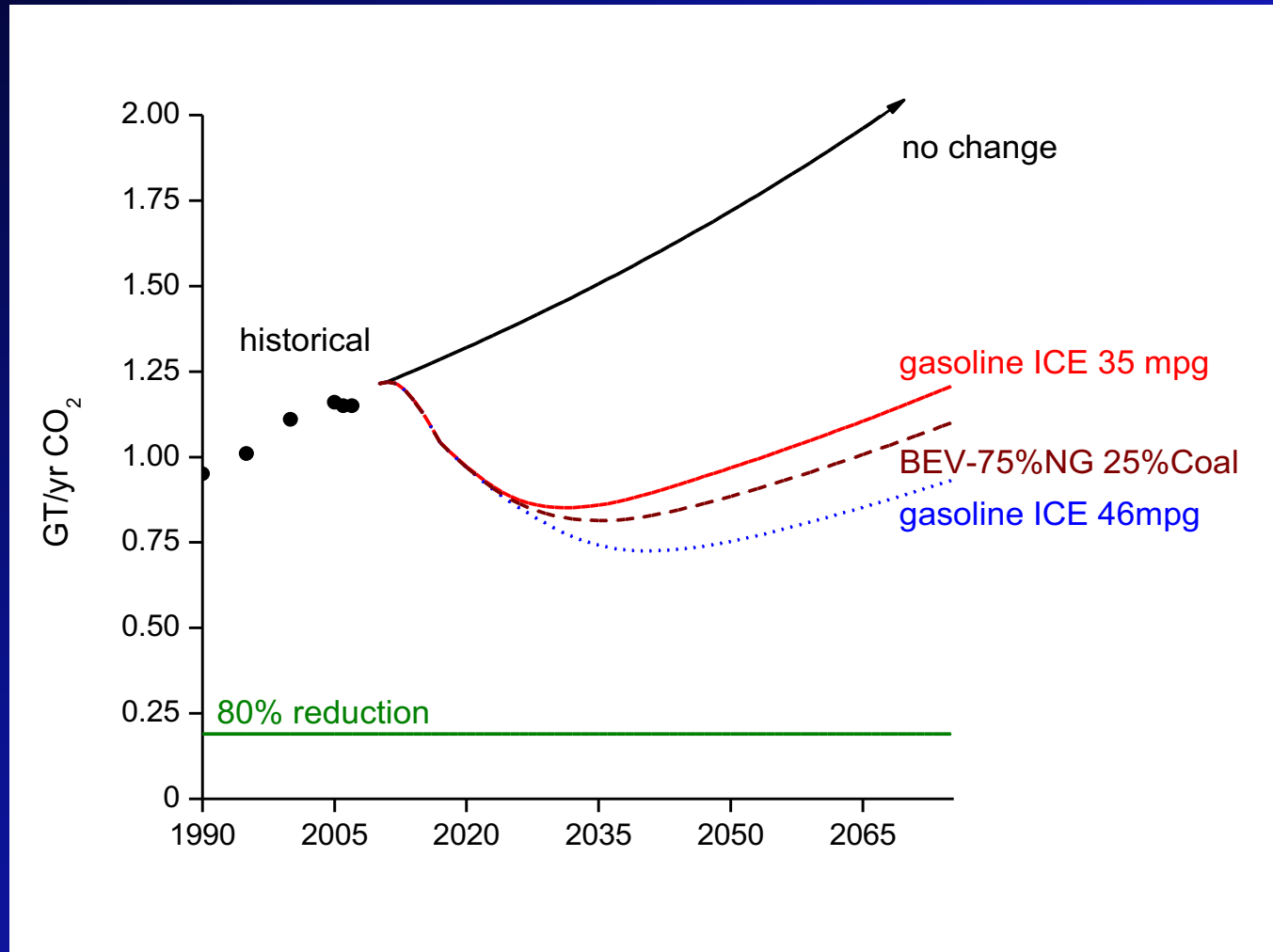
Achieving CAFE standards reduces emissions, but does not meet target



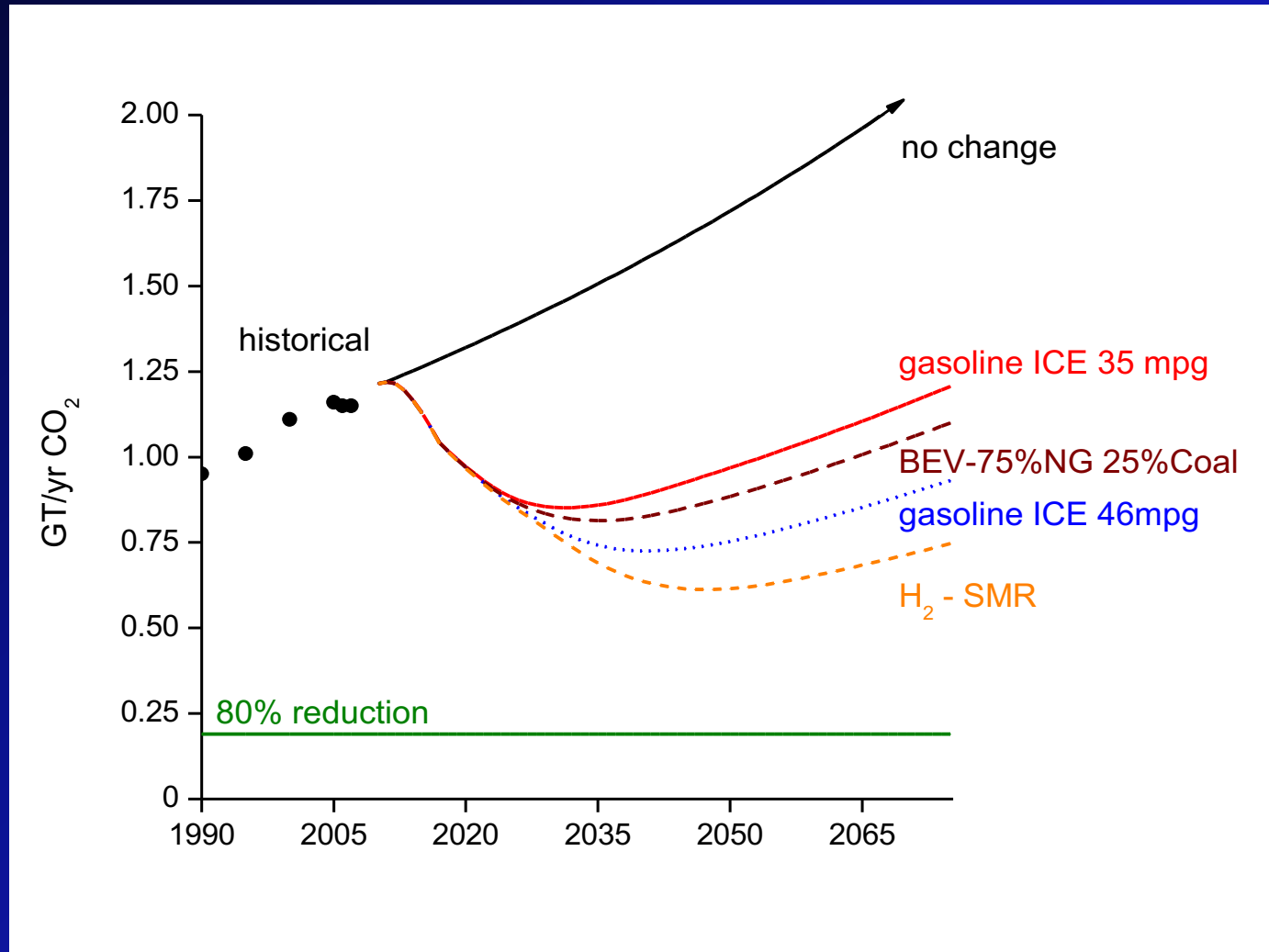
Changing to 100% BEV using nighttime marginal power is similar to CAFE



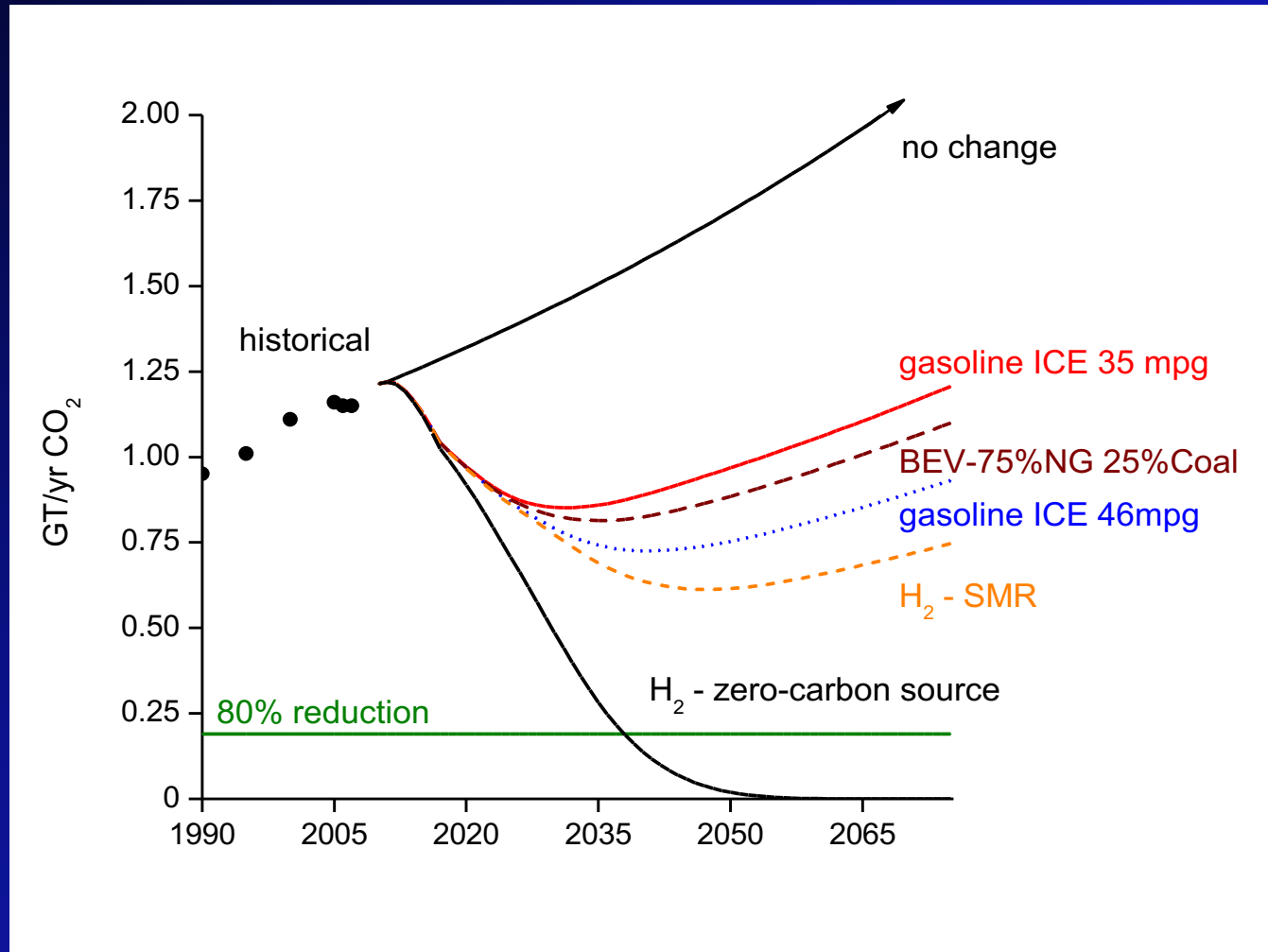
Very efficient gasoline ICE vehicles are better than BEVs



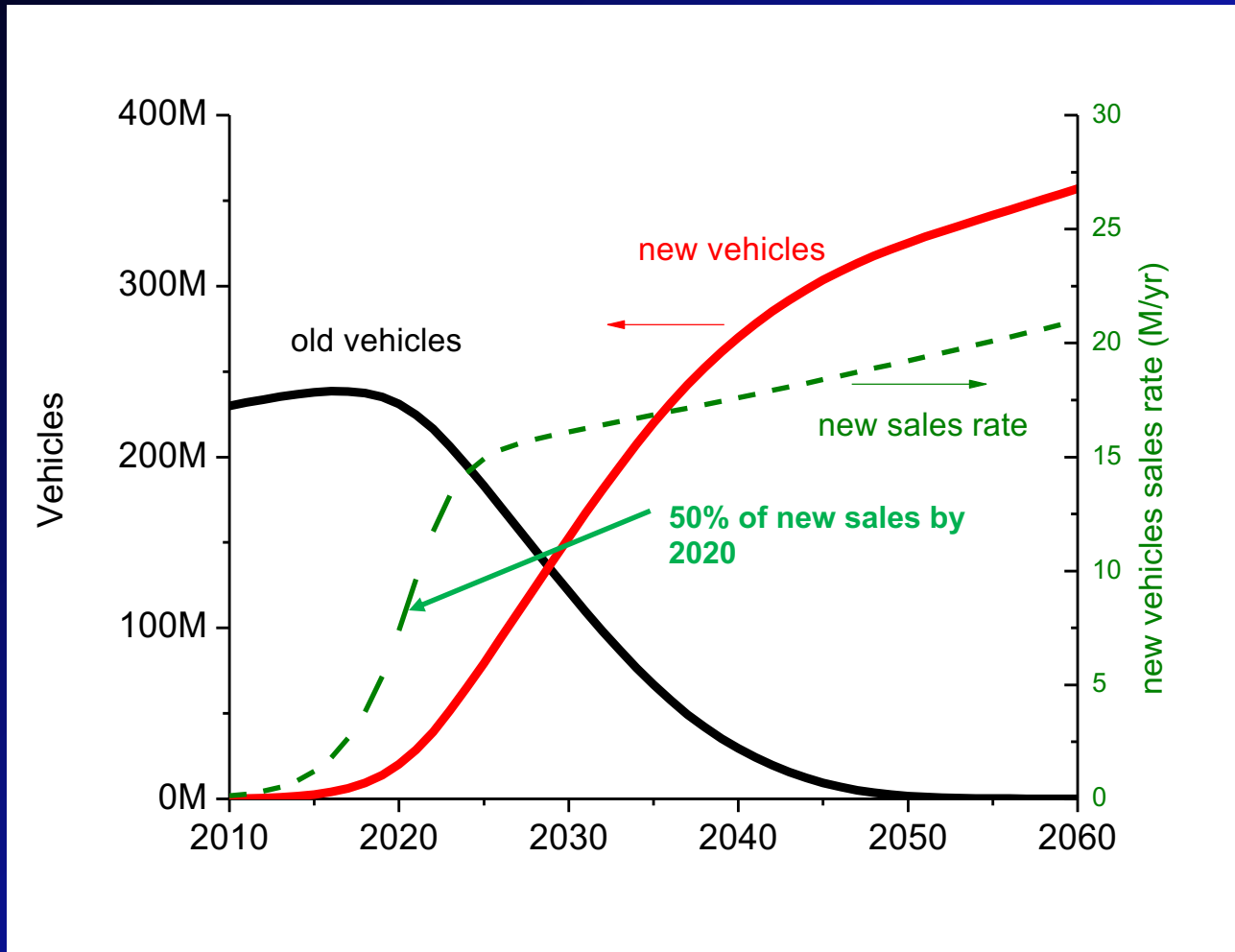
Using technologies & fuels that exist today, trajectories are similar



Elimination of carbon from the fuel is required to meet target



Vehicle Fleet Roll over Times



Note: the Prius was introduced in the U.S. in 2001. In 2010 (~10 yrs later) the market share from **all** hybrids was only 2.2%



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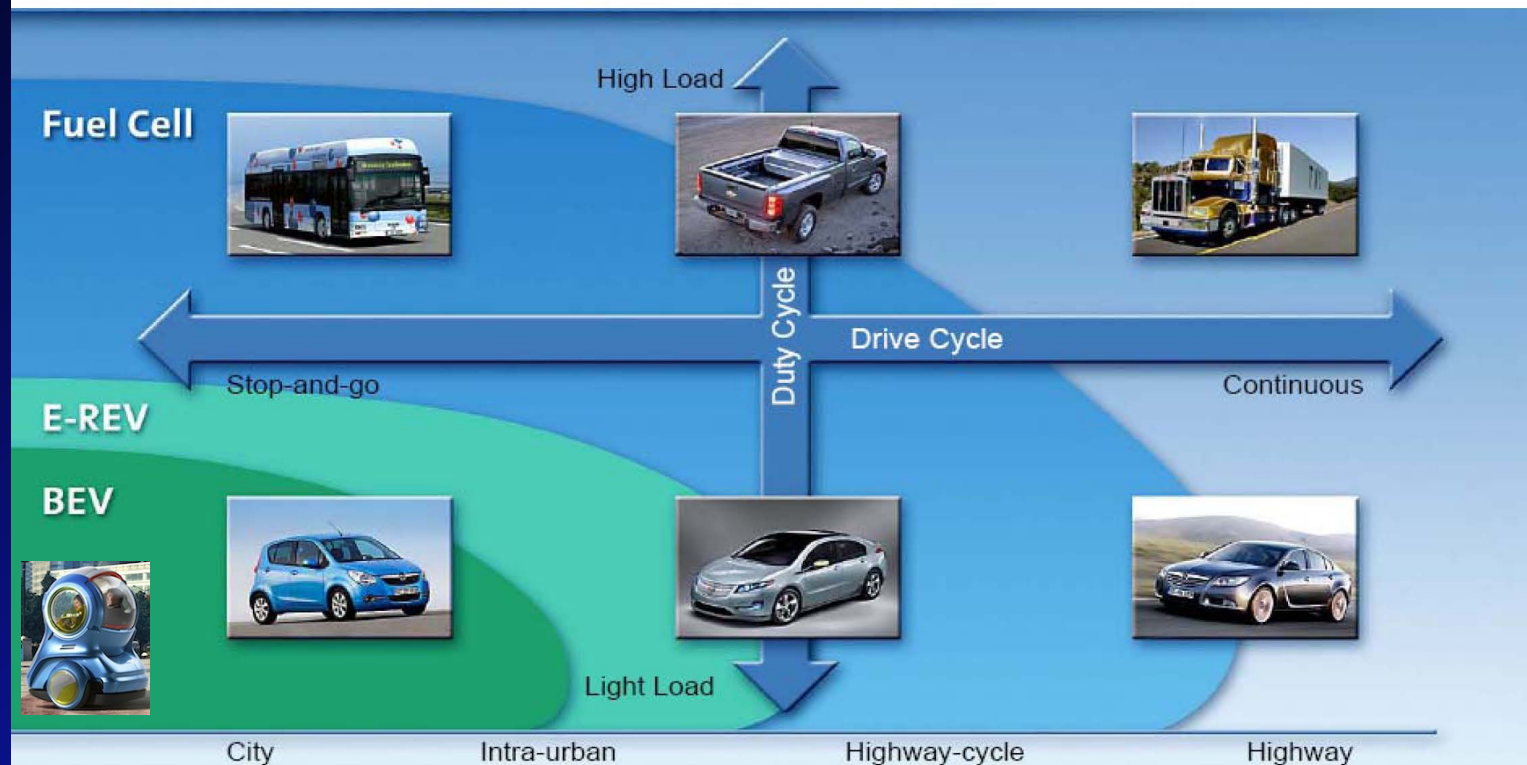
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OEM's are Electrifying the fleet



Application Map for Electric Vehicle Technologies



No Silver Bullet !!!



Vehicle manufactures are electrifying the fleet

- Bill Ford said that while his company continues to invest in biofuels, hydrogen and more efficient internal combustion engines, the electrification of the U.S. fleet is inevitable. (Clean Car Advisor - Scott Doggett April 15, 2010).



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Energy carriers

- Energy carriers stores energy from the primary energy resource so it can be “carried” and used in the conversion device where and when needed.
 - Examples:
 - Electricity
 - Primary energy resource – nuclear, coal, petroleum, wind ...
 - Transported and stored through the grid for use in ones home & ...
 - End-use - a light bulb converts the electrical energy to light
 - Hydrogen
 - Primary energy resource – nuclear, coal, petroleum, wind ...
 - Transported and stored for use in an automobile & ...
 - End-use an engine or fuel cell to convert the stored chemical energy to kinetic energy – move the car down the road.
 - Any others?
 - I can't think of any.

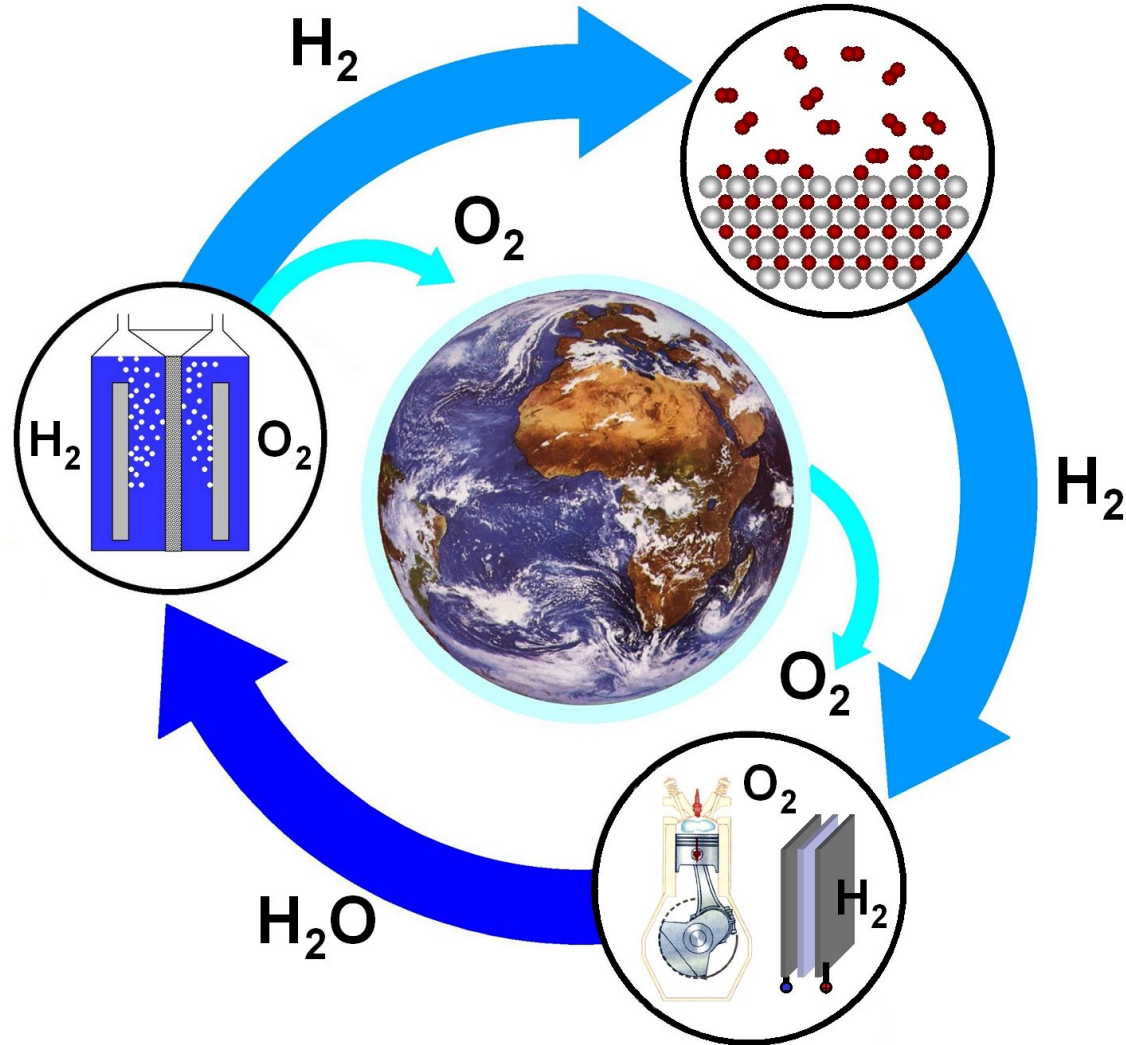
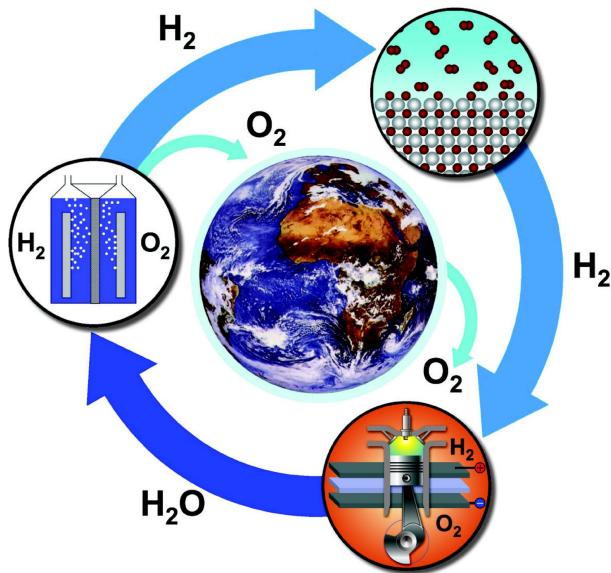


Hydrogen is an Energy Carrier – it is just like Electricity & its Conserved

Edited by Andreas Züttel,
Andreas Borgschulte, and Louis Schlapbach

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Hydrogen as a Future Energy Carrier



Batteries vs Fuel Cells

- Fuel Cells and Batteries are both electro-chemical conversion devices that take stored chemical energy (between a fuel and an oxidizer) and convert it to electricity.
 - The battery has the fuel and oxidizer stored **inside** the electro-chemical device (the box).
 - The amount of energy a battery can store is limited by the size of the electro-chemical box.
 - The fuel cell has the fuel and oxidizer stored **outside** the electro-chemical device
 - The amount of energy a fuel cell can store is limited by the size of the “fuel tank”.
 - The oxidizer is generally taken from the atmosphere.



Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) vs Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV)

- Both are electric vehicles -- the only difference is how the energy is stored on board
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They are really fun to drive!



Estimated Refuel times for a 300 mile range Toyota Highlander (175kWHr)

- Gasoline – (Combined Highway & City eff. 17%)
 - ~ 5 minutes – 13.6 gal @~22 mpg
- Fuel Cell EV – (Combined Highway & City eff. ~50%)
 - ~ 8 minutes – 4.6 kg @70 MPa
- Grid EV – (Combined Highway & City eff. ~65%)
 - 43.7 min – Type III (480V, 500Amp, three phase)
 - 18.2 hr – Type II (240V, 40Amp, single phase)
 - 72.9 hr – Type I (120V, 20Amp, single phase)
 - 97.2 hr – Type I (120V, 15Amp, single phase)



OEM's have given up on full service BEVs for full size vehicles.

- “Even with complete success in meeting the USABC long-term goals for battery energy capacity, electric vehicles cannot compete with hydrogen-fueled vehicles for general usage in terms of range and ‘refill’ time. **Use of hydrogen as a transportation fuel as on-board storage for useful range and refill time is already available (if not optimal)”**
 - ...Quoted from “Hydrogen Research for Transportation: The USCAR Perspective; July 2009”

USABC – US Advanced Battery Consortium

BEV – Battery Electric Vehicles

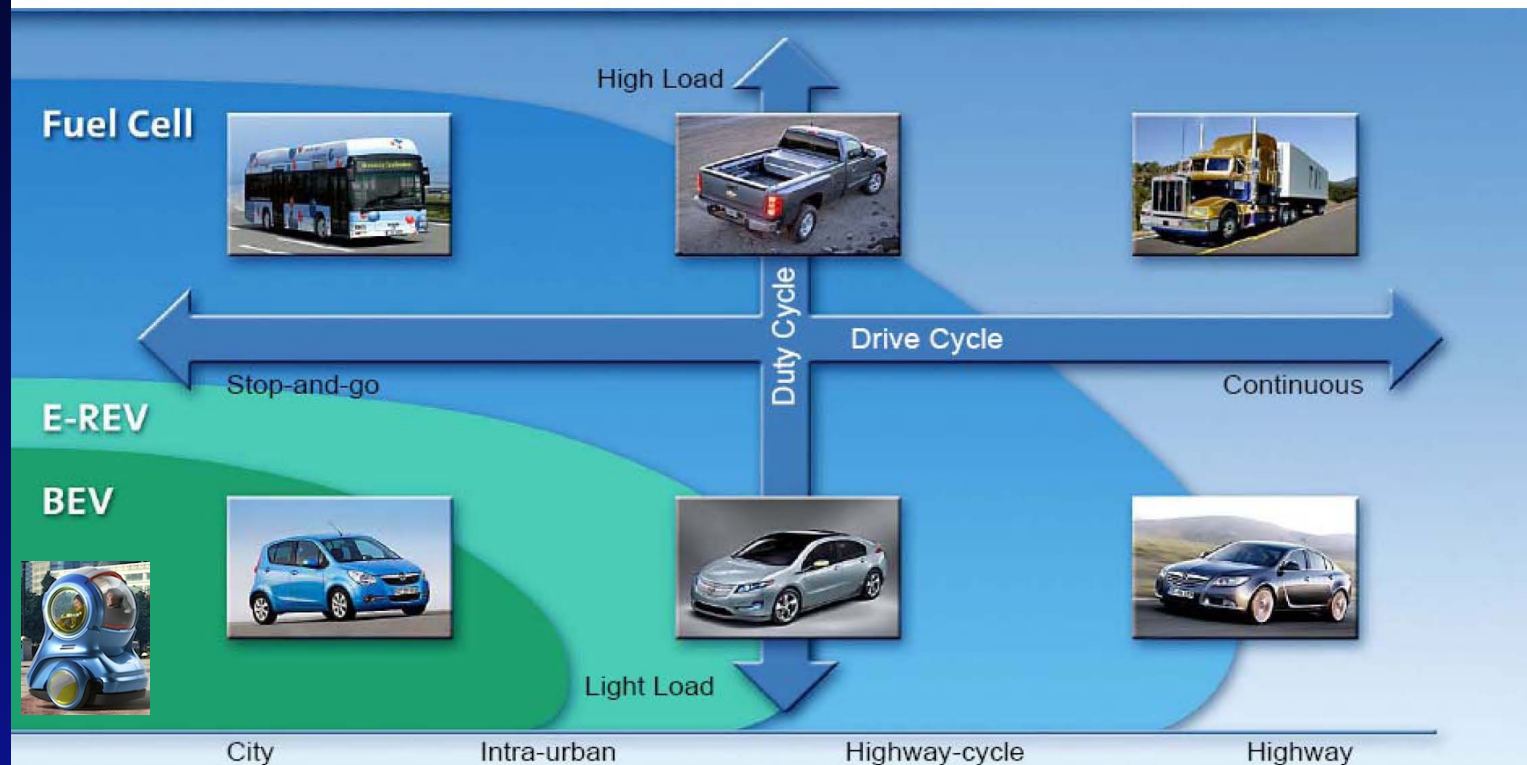
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Nikola unveils its hydrogen-powered semi-truck



Toyota Project Portal fuel cell truck vs. diesel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1yYueiCHzA>



Norwegian future value chains for liquid hydrogen



“The dawn of Low-Carbon Shipping”

- “Container ships and other maritime vessels currently run on pollutant-intensive heavy fuel oil. The world's largest container-shipping company, Maersk, has promised to make its operations zero carbon by 2050. Doing so will require using new fuels such as hydrogen.”

» NPR, Rebecca Hersher



“Shipping Industry Buckles to Carbon Pressure”

- “We now know the international shipping industry is responsible for 18% of some air pollutants. Moreover the [International Maritime Organization](#) blames giant ships for 2.2% of global emissions caused by humans. These could rise by as much as 250% if we do nothing. Therefore, we welcome it when the shipping industry buckles under pressure to take action.”

- Battery Technical
 - » Richard



Norled's Hydrogen Ferries



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- ⇒ We just do not understand hydrogen combustion behavior
 - Hydrogen release is different than other fuels
 - Radiation is different than other fuels
- ⇒ Hydrogen hazards can be compared favorably to experiences with other hydrocarbon fuels
 - Less dangerous than gasoline, methane ...
- ⇒ Hydrogen always ignites
 - Joule-Thomson heating, Static electric discharge, Shock heating ...
- ⇒ Hydrogen is toxic and will cause environmental harm
 - “... We need to be indemnified against a hazardous toxic hydrogen spill ...” – Generic Insurance Company



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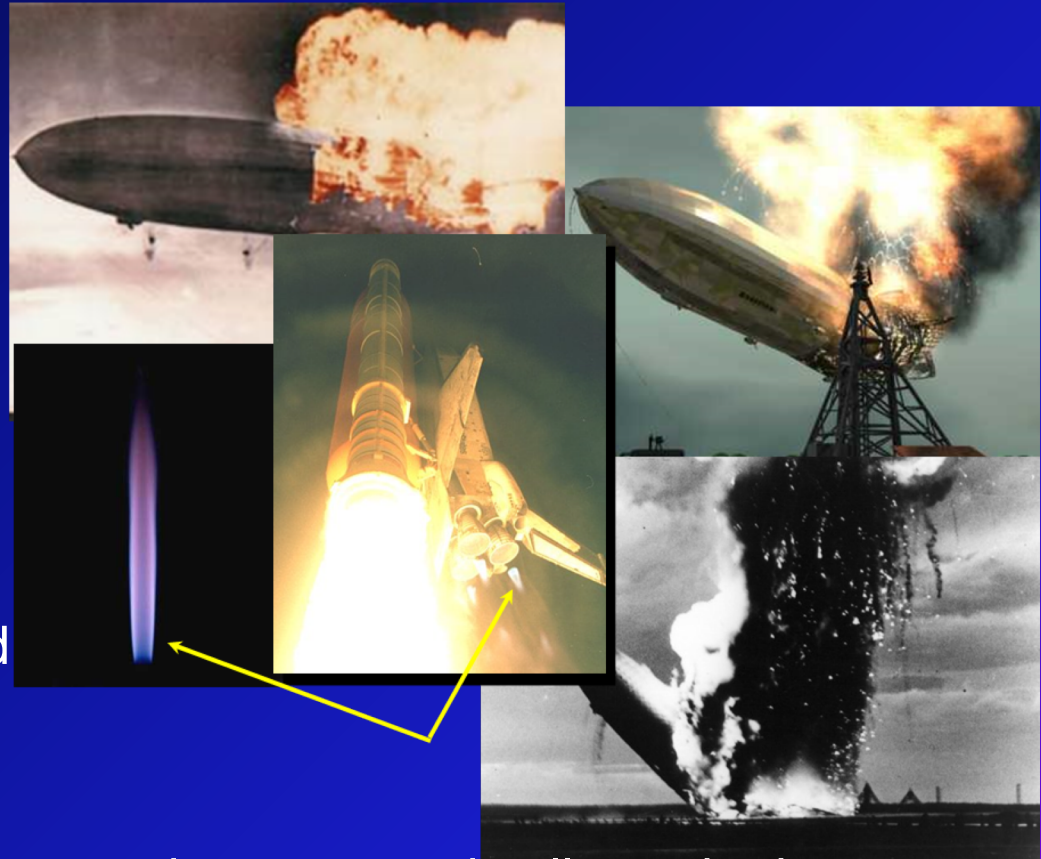
Hindenburg Disaster

⇒ 36 out of 97 died mostly trapped by the fire of fabric, diesel fuel, chairs, tables ... (not hydrogen)

⇒ The craft did not explode but burned – and while burning stayed aloft (Hydrogen was still in the nose)

⇒ The craft fell to the ground tail first – the nose was still full of hydrogen

⇒ Radiation from the flame was red, orange and yellow – hydrogen flames emit in the near UV ~ 304 to 350 nm (OH^* lines), 680 nm to 850 nm (vibrationally excited H_2O), and ~ 0.5 to 23 mm (water bands)



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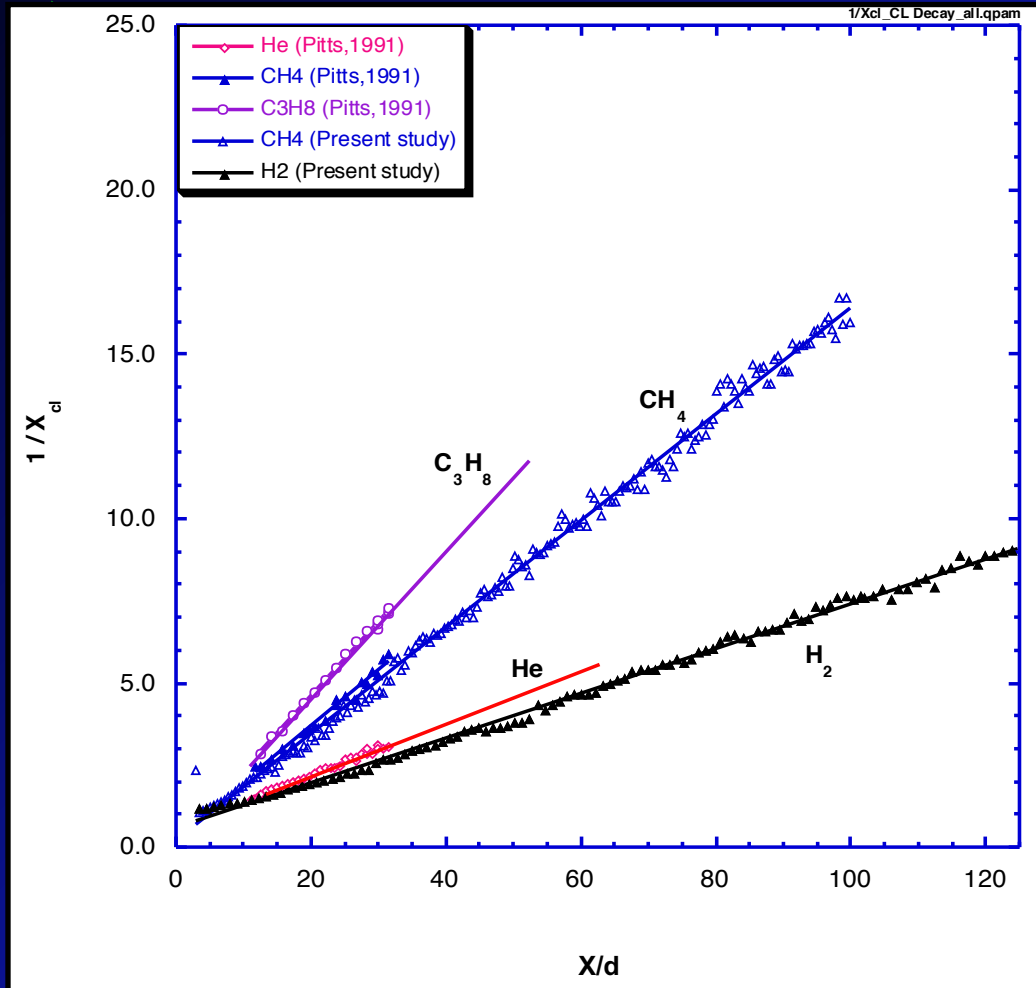
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Small Unignited Releases: Momentum-Dominated Regime

Data for round turbulent jets



⇒ In momentum-dominated regime, the centerline decay rate follows a $1/x$ dependence for all gases.

⇒ The mole fraction centerline decay rate increases with increasing molecular weight.

The decay rate for H₂ is significantly slower than for methane and propane.

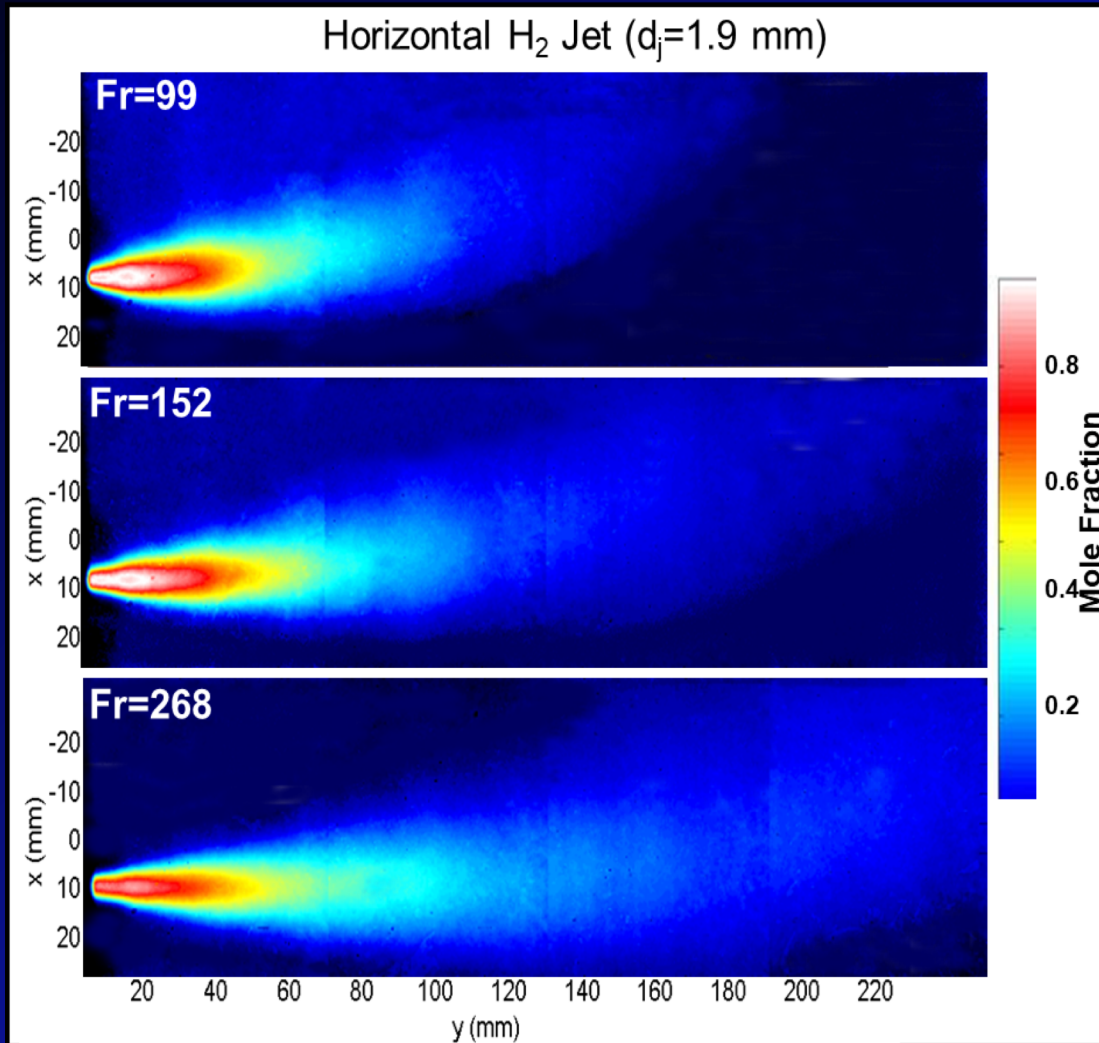


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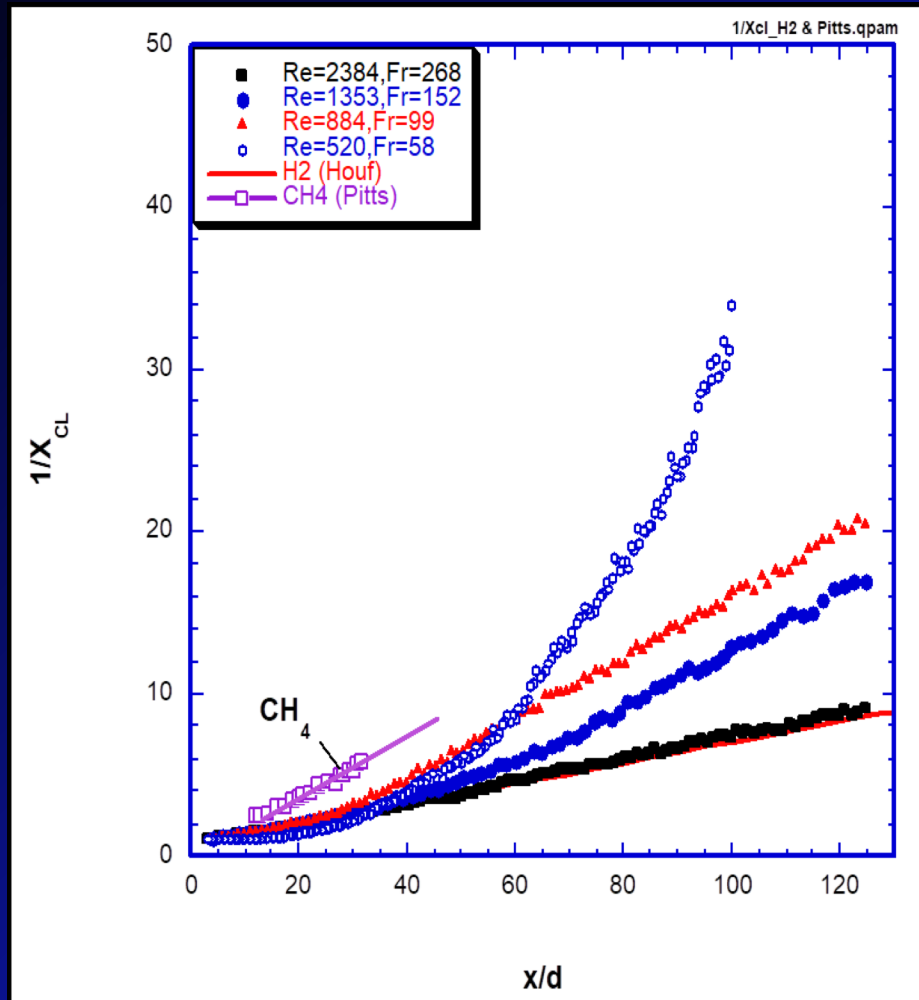
Buoyancy effects are characterized by Froude number



- ⇒ Time-averaged H₂ mole fraction distributions.
- ⇒ Froude number is a measure of strength of momentum force relative to the buoyant force
- ⇒ Increased upward jet curvature is due to increased importance of buoyancy at lower Froude numbers.



Small Unignited Releases: Buoyancy Effects



- ⇒ Data for round H_2 Jets ($d_j=1.91$ mm)
- ⇒ At the highest Fr , $1/X_{CL}$ increases linearly with axial distance, indicating momentum dominates.
- ⇒ As Fr increases buoyancy forces become less important and the centerline decay rate decreases.
- ⇒ The transition to buoyancy-dominated regime moves downstream with increasing Fr .

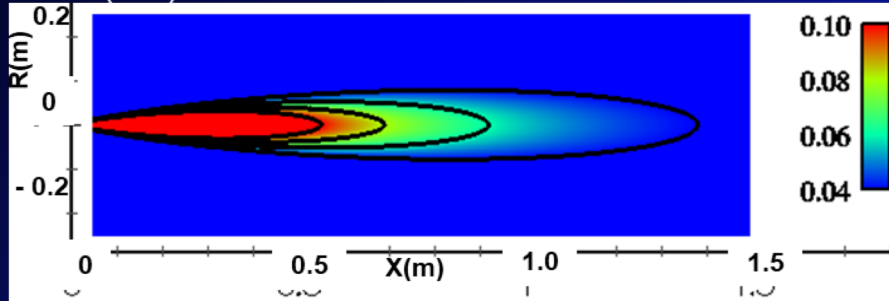


Choked & Unchoked Flows at 20 SCFM

Tank Pressure = 3000 psig, Hole Dia. = 0.297 mm

Exit Mach Number = 1.0 (Choked Flow)

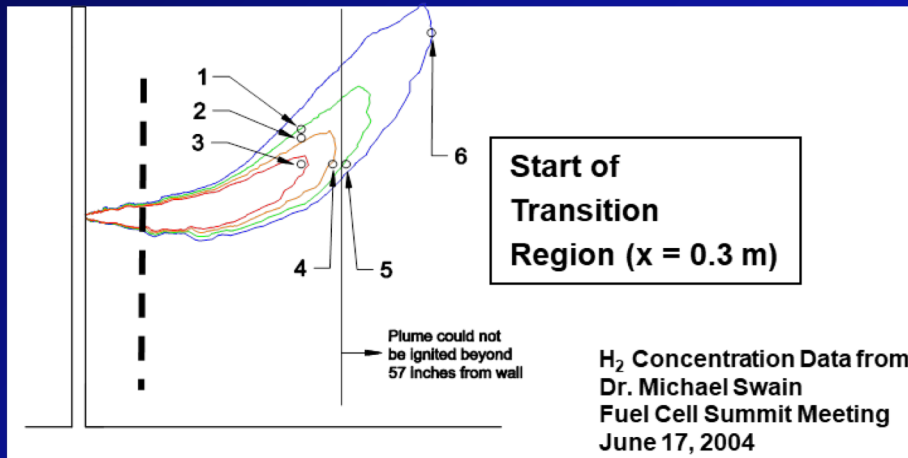
$Fr \sim O(10^4)$



Flowrate = 20 scfm, Hole Dia. = 9.44 mm

Exit Mach Number = 0.1 (Unchoked Flow)

$Fr \sim O(100)$



➤ Correlations based on experimental data

➤ Start Intermediate Region

$$x/D = 0.5 F^{1/2} (\rho_{\text{exit}} / \rho_{\text{amb}})^{1/4}$$

➤ End Intermediate Region

$$x/D = 5.0 F^{1/2} (\rho_{\text{exit}} / \rho_{\text{amb}})^{1/4}$$

➤ F = Exit Froude No.

$$= U_{\text{exit}}^2 \rho_{\text{exit}} / (gD(\rho_{\text{amb}} - \rho_{\text{exit}}))$$

Start Transition Region -> $x = 6.3$ m

➤ Assuming gases at 1 Atm, 294K (NTP)

➤ Red – 10.4%

➤ Orange – 8.5%

➤ Green – 5.1%

➤ Blue – 2.6%



Momentum-Dominated Jets are within the Ignition Region

Unignited Jet Separation Distance Length Scales

Pressure = ~20 MPa (~3000 psig)

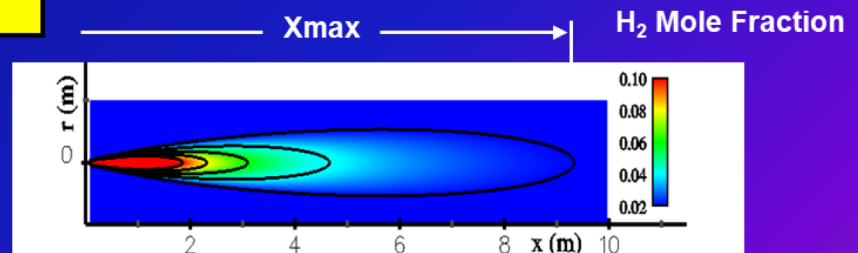
Hole Diameter	Flowrate	Xmax - Distance to 4% mole fraction	Start of Intermediate Region
3.175 mm (1/8 inch)	9.718x10 ⁻² Kg/sec (2,463 ft ³ /min)*	14.80 m (48.55 ft)	20.7 m (67.9 ft)
1.5875 mm (1/16 inch)	2.430x10 ⁻² Kg/sec (615.9 ft ³ /min)*	7.40 m (24.28 ft)	14.6 m (48.0 ft)
0.794 mm (1/32 inch)	6.075x10 ⁻³ Kg/sec (154.1 ft ³ /min)*	3.70 m (12.14 ft)	10.3 m (33.9 ft)

*@NTP = 21° C (70° F), 101 kPa (14.7 psia)

Flow between exit and 4% mole fraction is in the momentum dominated regime

- Start Intermediate Region
 $x/D = 0.5 F^{1/2} (\rho_{\text{exit}}/\rho_{\text{amb}})^{1/4}$

$$F = \text{Exit Froude No.} = U_{\text{exit}}^2 \rho_{\text{exit}} / (gD(\rho_{\text{amb}} - \rho_{\text{exit}}))$$



Hydrogen Myths

⇒ Hindenburg

- Hydrogen Caused the Disaster

⇒ Hydrogen Molecular Diffusivity is 3.8 times that of CH_4

- Therefore it diffuses rapidly and mitigates any hazard

⇒ Hydrogen is 14.4 times lighter than air

- Therefore it rapidly moves upward and out of the way

⇒ We do not know the flammability limits for H_2



Flammability Limits for H₂

Upward Flame Propagation

Tube Dimensions, cm		Firing end	Limits, percent		Water Vapor Content	Reference
Diameter	Length		Lower	Higher		
7.5	150	Closed	4.15	75.0	Half-saturated	356
5.3	150					
5.3	150					
5.3	150					
5.0	150					
5.0						
4.8						
4.5						
4.5						

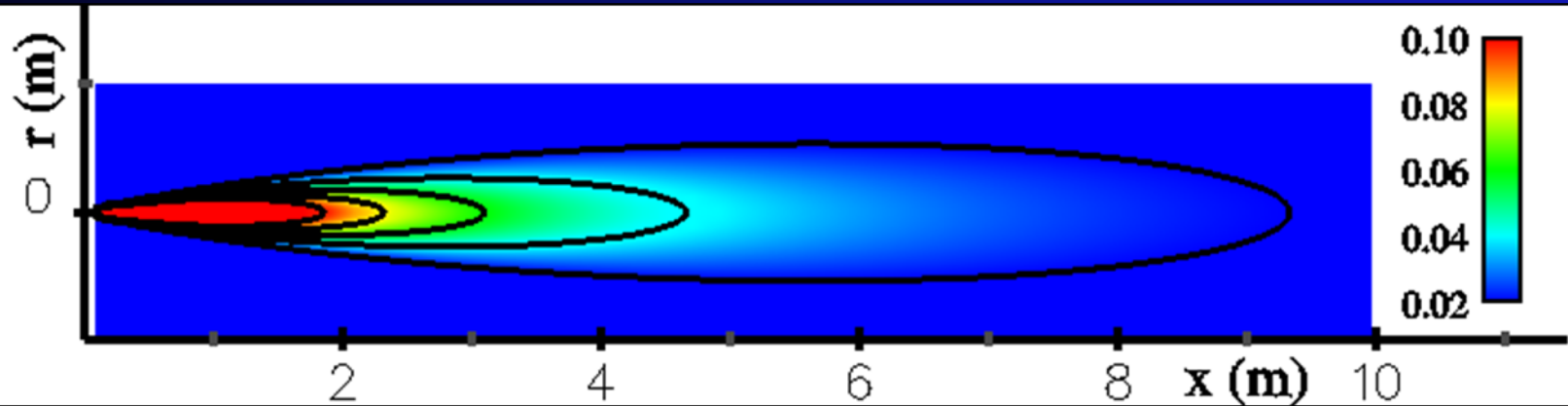
Horizontal Flame Propagation

- ⇒ **78 investigations of hydrogen flammability limits were identified between 1920 and 1950.**
- ⇒ **Hydrogen flammability limits are well established.**

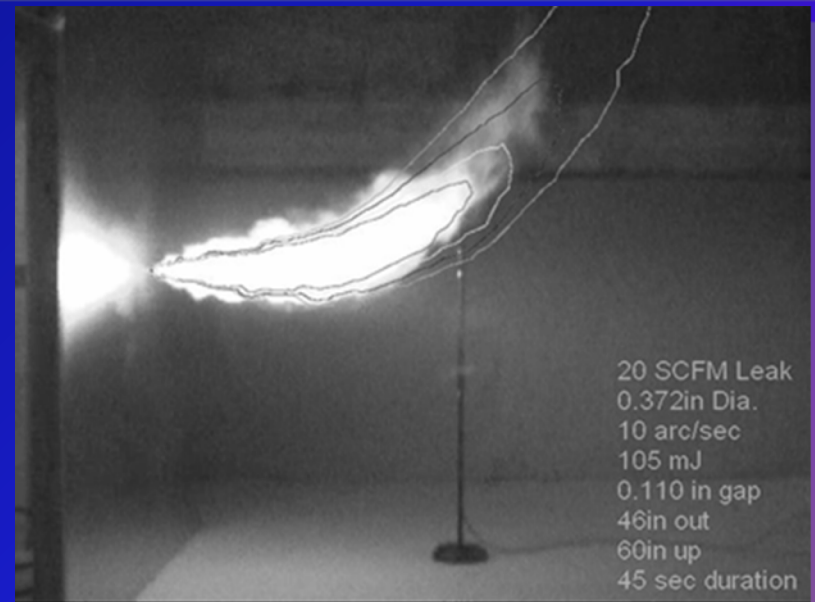
Tube Dimensions, cm		end	Lower	Not stated 1,000	N	8.5	67.5	N	82
Diameter	Length								
21.0	31	Open	9.3		N	8.7	75.5	N	95
8.0	37	Closed	8.9	810	N	5.0	73.5	N	349
7.5	150	N	8.8	350	N	4.6	70.3	N	368
7.0	150	N	-----	35	N	9.4	64.8	N	297
6.2	33	Open	8.5						
6.0	120	N	9.45						



What is a Reasonable Flame Stabilization Limit?



- ⇒ Which volume fraction contour is relevant:
 - lean flammability limit? ... 4% or 8%
 - detonation limit? ... 18%
 - a fraction of the lowest lean flammability limit? ... 1%
- ⇒ **Ignition of hydrogen in turbulent jets occurs around 8% as measured by Swain.**
 - This is consistent with the downward propagating limit of 8%



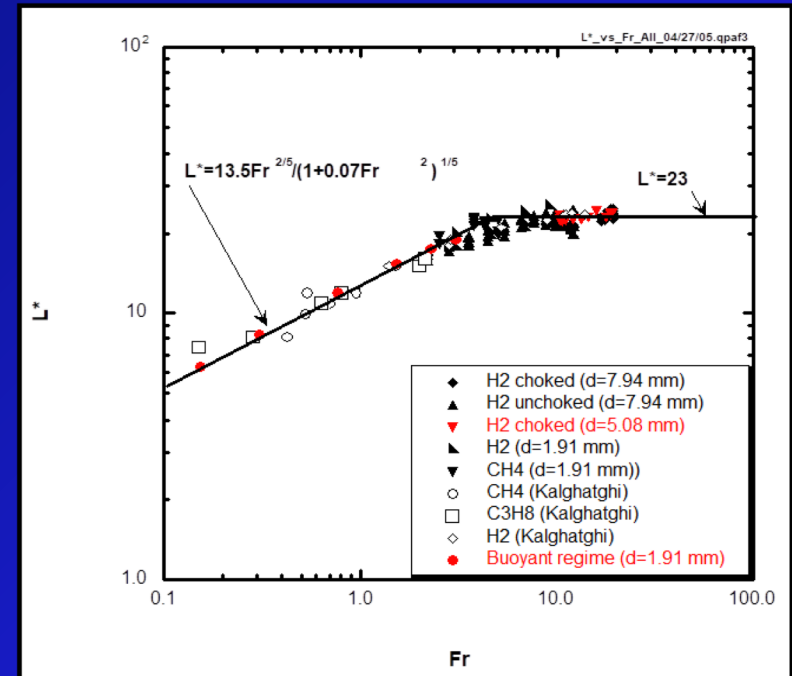
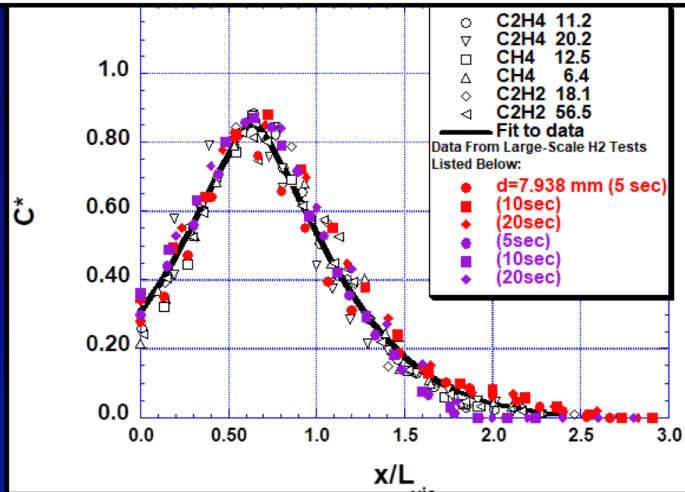
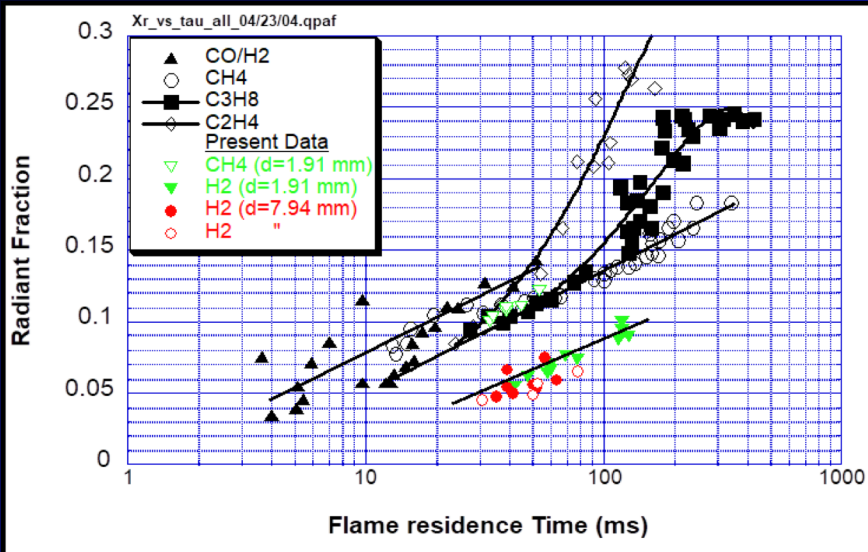
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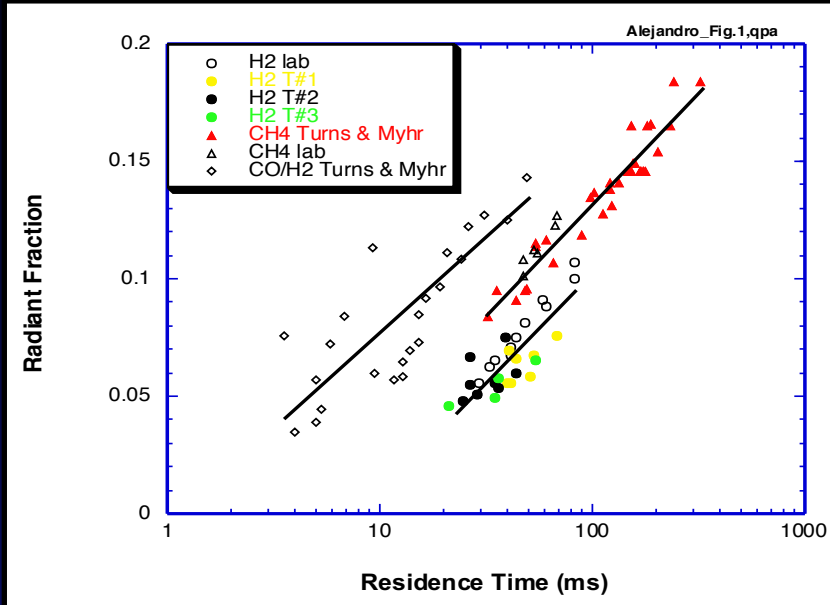


Hydrogen jets and flames are similar to other flammable gases

- Fraction of chemical energy converted to thermal radiation
- Radiation heat flux distribution
- Jet length

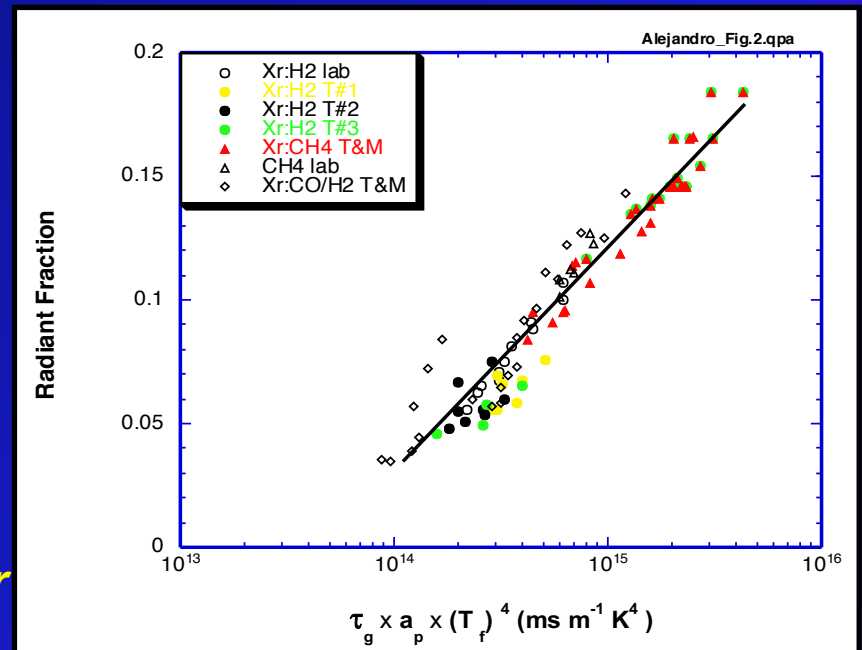


Thermal Radiation from Hydrogen Flames



- Radiation heat flux data collapses on single line when plotted against product $\tau_G \times a_p \times T_f^4$.
- a_p (absorption coefficient) is factor with most significant impact on data normalization
- ➔ **Plank mean absorption coefficient for different gases must be considered**

- Previous radiation data for *nonsooting* CO/H₂ and CH₄ flames correlate well with flame residence time.
- Sandia's H₂ flame data is a factor of two lower than the hydrocarbon flame data.



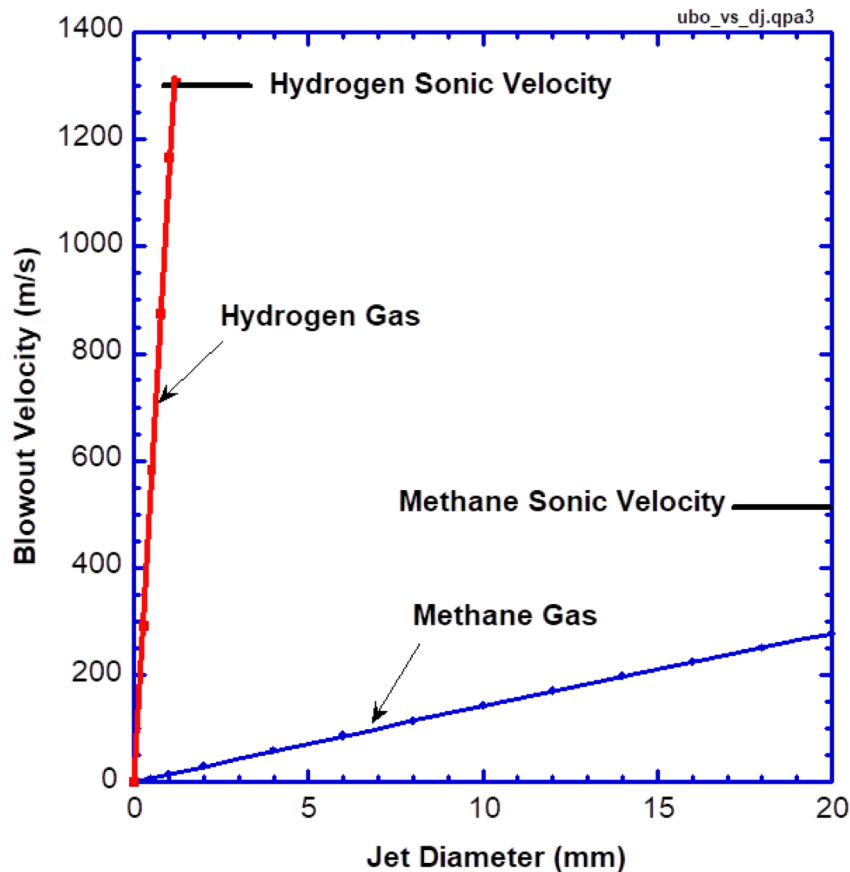
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Comparisons of NG and H₂ Behaviors

Comparison of Blow-Off Velocities for Hydrogen and Natural Gas

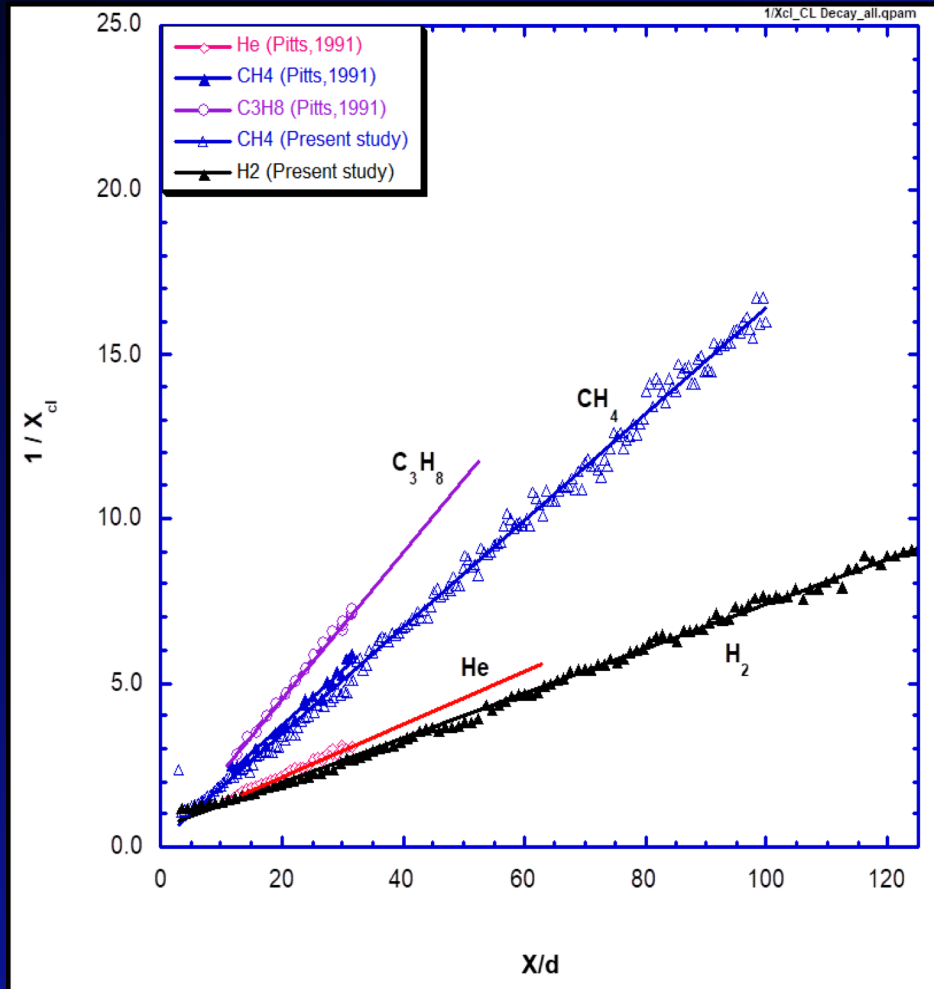


- Assume 3.175 mm (1/8 inch) dia. hole
- Unignited jet lower flammability limits
 - LFL H₂ - 4% mole fraction
 - LFL NG - 5% mole fraction
- Flame blow-off velocities for H₂ are much greater than NG
- Flow through 1/8" diameter hole is choked
 - $V_{\text{sonic}} = 450$ m/sec for NG (300K)
 - $V_{\text{sonic}} = 1320$ m/sec for H₂ (300K)
- Hole exit (sonic) velocity for NG is greater than NG blow-off velocity
 - No NG jet flame for 1/8" hole
- Hole exit (sonic) velocity for H₂ is much less than blow-off velocity for H₂
 - H₂ jet flame present for 1/8" hole



Small Unignited Releases: Momentum-Dominated Regime

Data for round turbulent jets



⇒ In momentum-dominated regime, the centerline decay rate follows a $1/x$ dependence for all gases.

⇒ The mole fraction centerline decay rate increases with increasing molecular weight.

The decay rate for H₂ is significantly slower than for methane and propane.



Unignited jet concentration decay distances for NG and H₂.

Distance on Jet Centerline to Lower Flammability Limit
for Natural Gas and Hydrogen

Tank Pressure	Hole Diameter	Distance to 5% Mole Fraction Natural Gas	Distance to 4% Mole Fraction. Hydrogen
18.25 bar (250 psig)	3.175 mm (1/8 inch)	1.19 m (3.90 ft)	4.24 m (13.91 ft)
	1.587 mm (1/16 inch)	0.59 m (1.93 ft)	2.12 m (6.95 ft)
207.8 bar (3000 psig)	3.175 mm (1/8 inch)	3.92 m (12.86 ft)	13.54 m (44.42 ft)
	1.587 mm (1/16 inch)	1.96 m (6.43 ft)	6.77 m (22.21 ft)

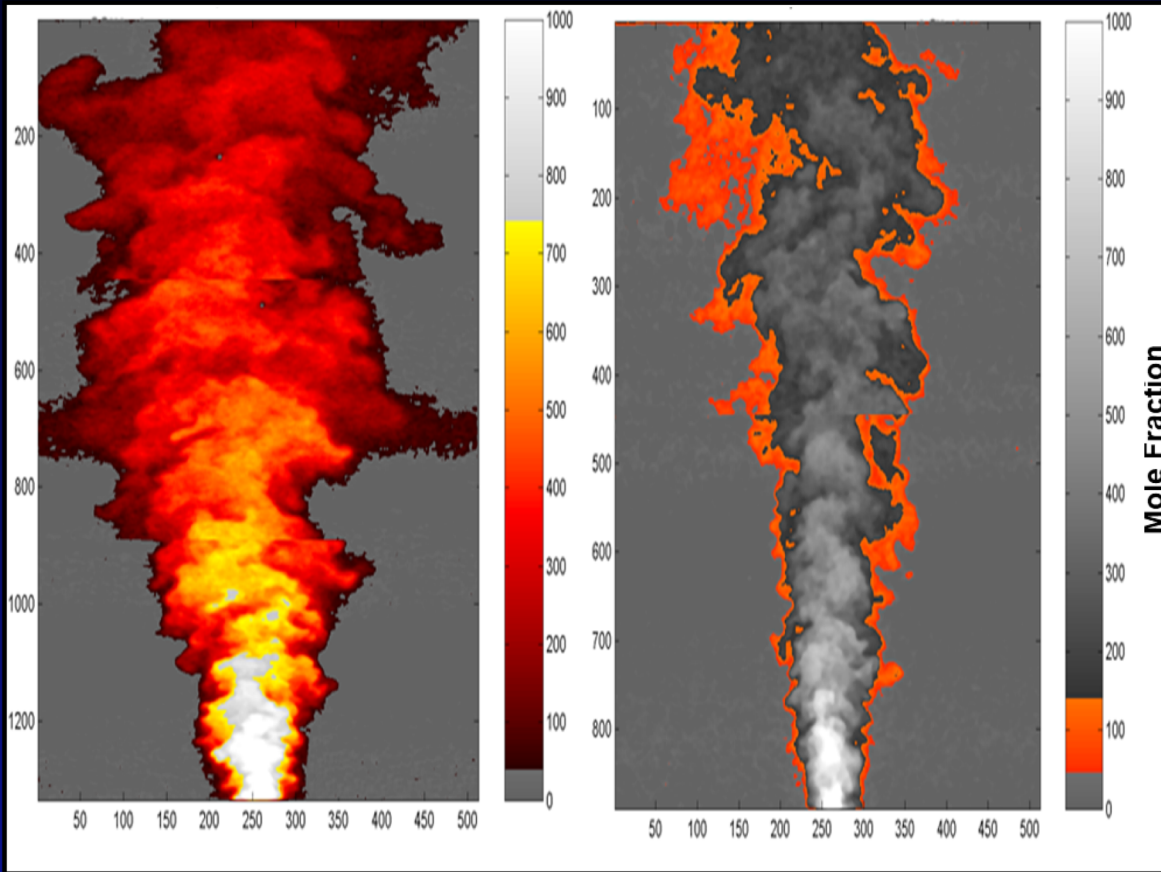
Distance to the lower flammability limit for hydrogen is about 3 times longer than for natural gas



Small Unignited Releases: Ignitable Gas Envelope

H₂ Jet at Re=2,384; Fr = 268

CH₄ Jet at Re=6,813; Fr = 478



→ H₂ flammability limits: LFL 4.0%; RFR 75%

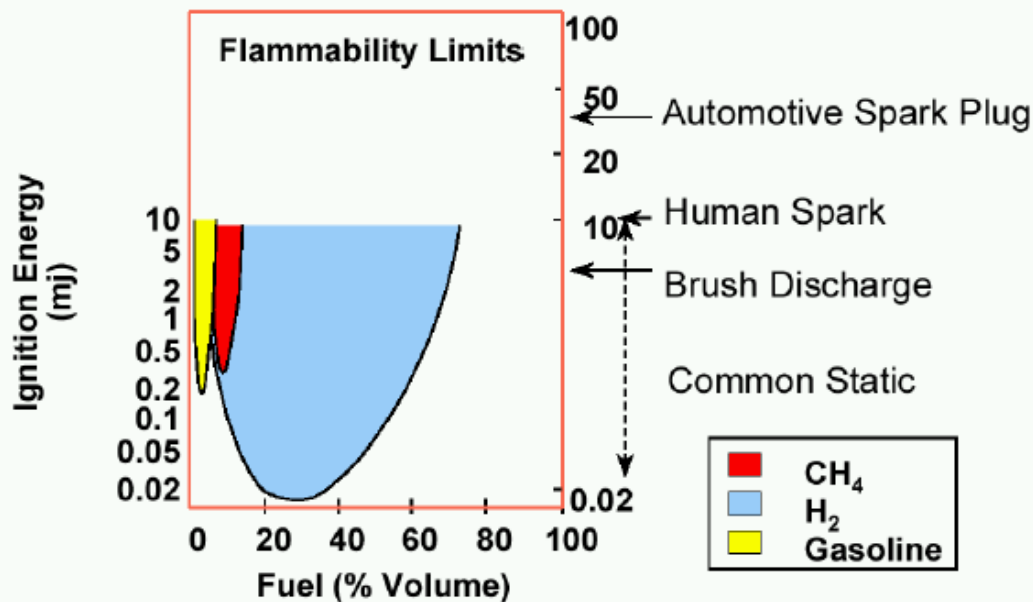
→ CH₄ flammability limits: LFL 5.2%; RFR 15%

Radial profiles in H₂ jet, d = 1.91 mm, Re = 2384

Is there a myth about the minimum ignition energy?

- Lower ignition energy of H_2 is the lowest of the flammable gases at stoichiometry
 - Over the flammable range of CH_4 (~below 10%), however, H_2 has a comparable ignition energy.

Ignition Energy of H_2 , CH_4 and gasoline with Air



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Figure 1: Flammability Limits vs. Ignition Energy of H_2 , CH_4 , and Gasoline in Air



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Spontaneous Ignition?



Proposed Mechanisms for Spontaneous Ignition

- ⇒ 81 ignitions of H₂ releases have been reported (MHIDAS database). In 11 cases the ignition source was identified (flame, electric, hot surface). *In the remaining 70 no ignition source could be identified.*
- ⇒ Proposed causes include the following:
 - Joule-Thomson
 - Static charge buildup in the flow
 - Shock heating that leads to ignition of H₂/air mixtures
 - Catalytic reaction with materials present in the flow (iron oxide)
 - Friction heating of particulates / hot surface ignition



Proposed Mechanisms for Spontaneous Ignition -- ???

⇒ We are still working on this one – so far there is no definitive explanation?



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Some people just do not get it!

⇒ H_2

➤ is not toxic,

➤ it is environmentally benign

➤ We just borrow it -- ($2H_2O + E \rightarrow 2H_2 + O_2$; then $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + E$)

⇒ H_2 is a fuel and as such has stored chemical energy

➤ It has hazards associated with it

- It is no more dangerous than the other fuels that store chemical energy

- IT IS JUST different; -- ***WE UNDERSTAND THE SCIENCE***

We will learn how to safely handle H_2 in the commercial setting just as we have for our hydrocarbon fuels.

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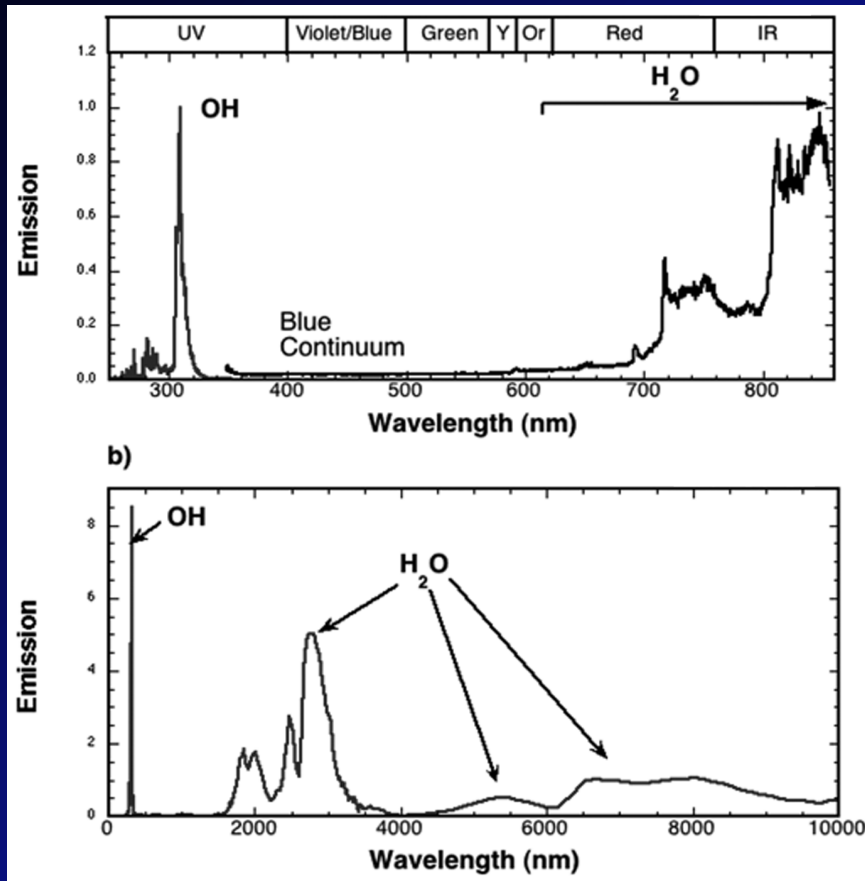
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Nighttime photograph of ~40 MPa
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H₂ Flame Radiation



- Orange emission due to excited H₂O vapor
- Blue continuum due to emission from $\text{OH} + \text{H} \Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + h\nu$
- UV emission due to OH*
- IR emission due to H₂O vibration-rotation bands

H₂O emission in IR accounts for 99.6% of flame radiation



Oil Discovery

⇒ Conventional Reserves

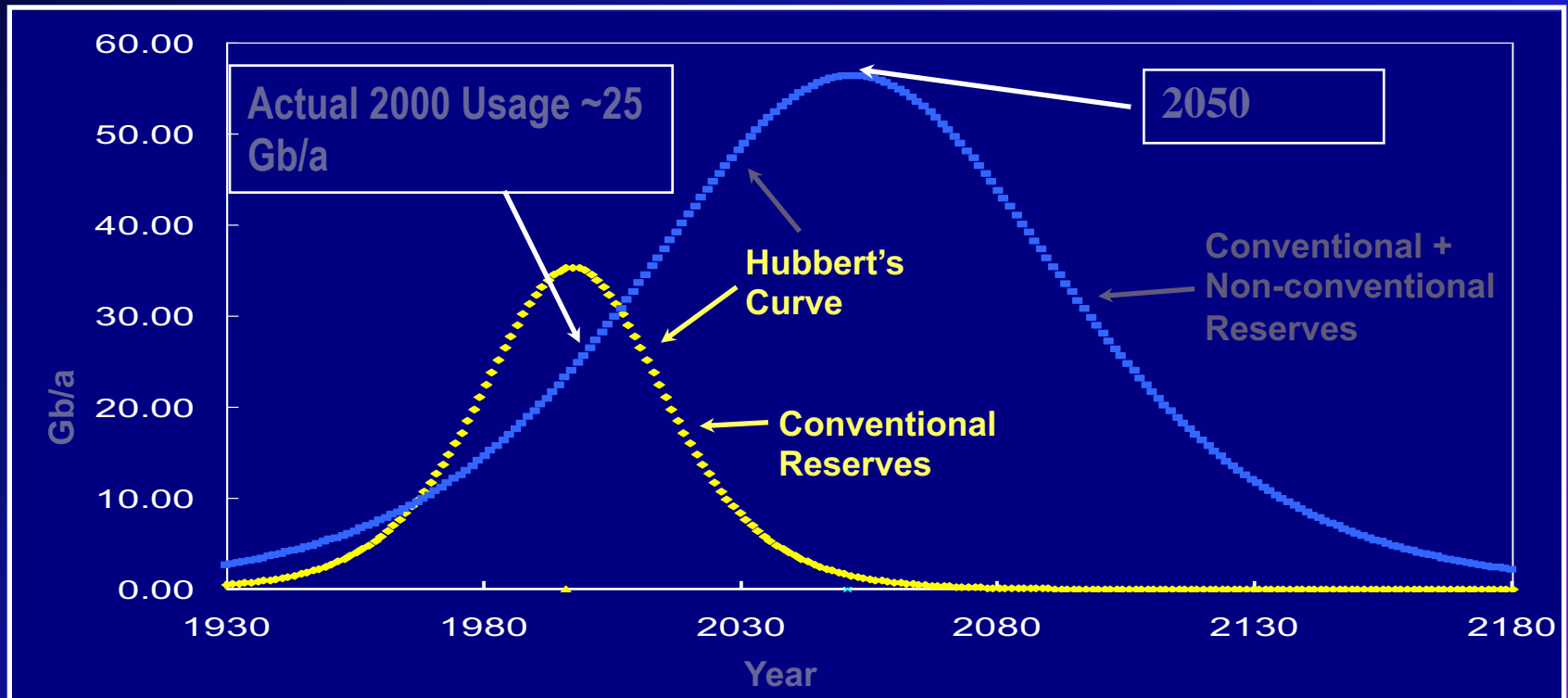
- 1700 – 1800 Gb; used ~1000 Gb

⇒ Predictions for the peak range from 2006 (Bakhitari) to 2025 (Shell) with no doubt it will happen *

➤ Oil Shale

- ~3500 Gb

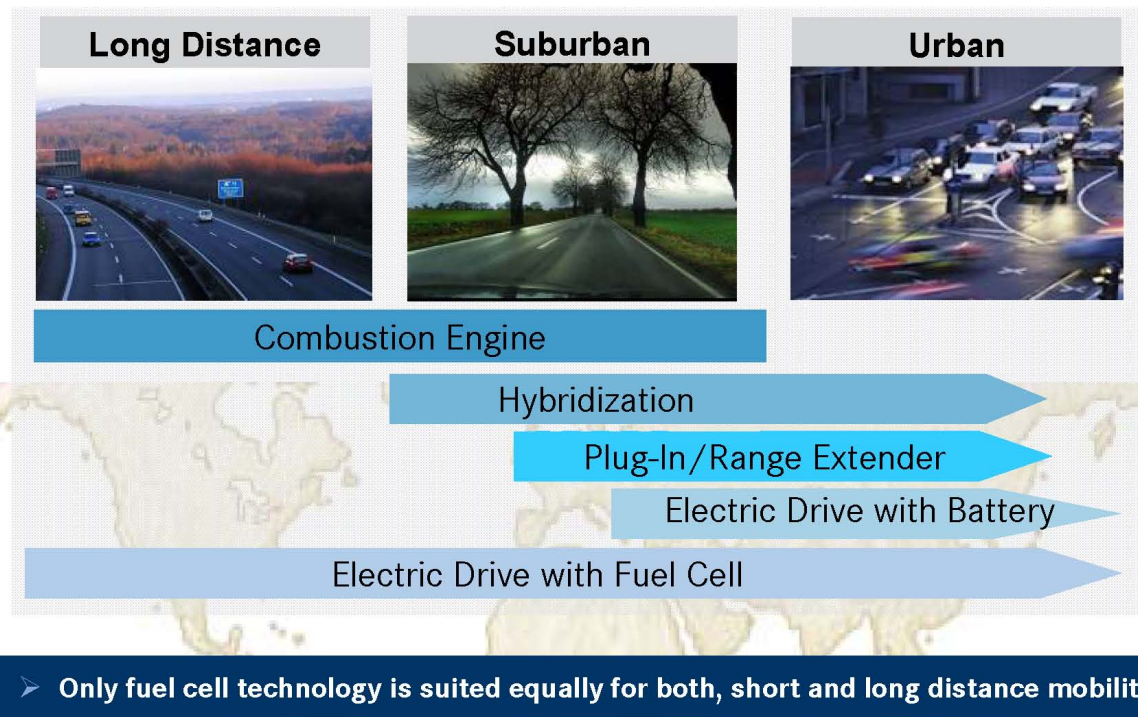
➤ Demand increasing ~3.0% / yr



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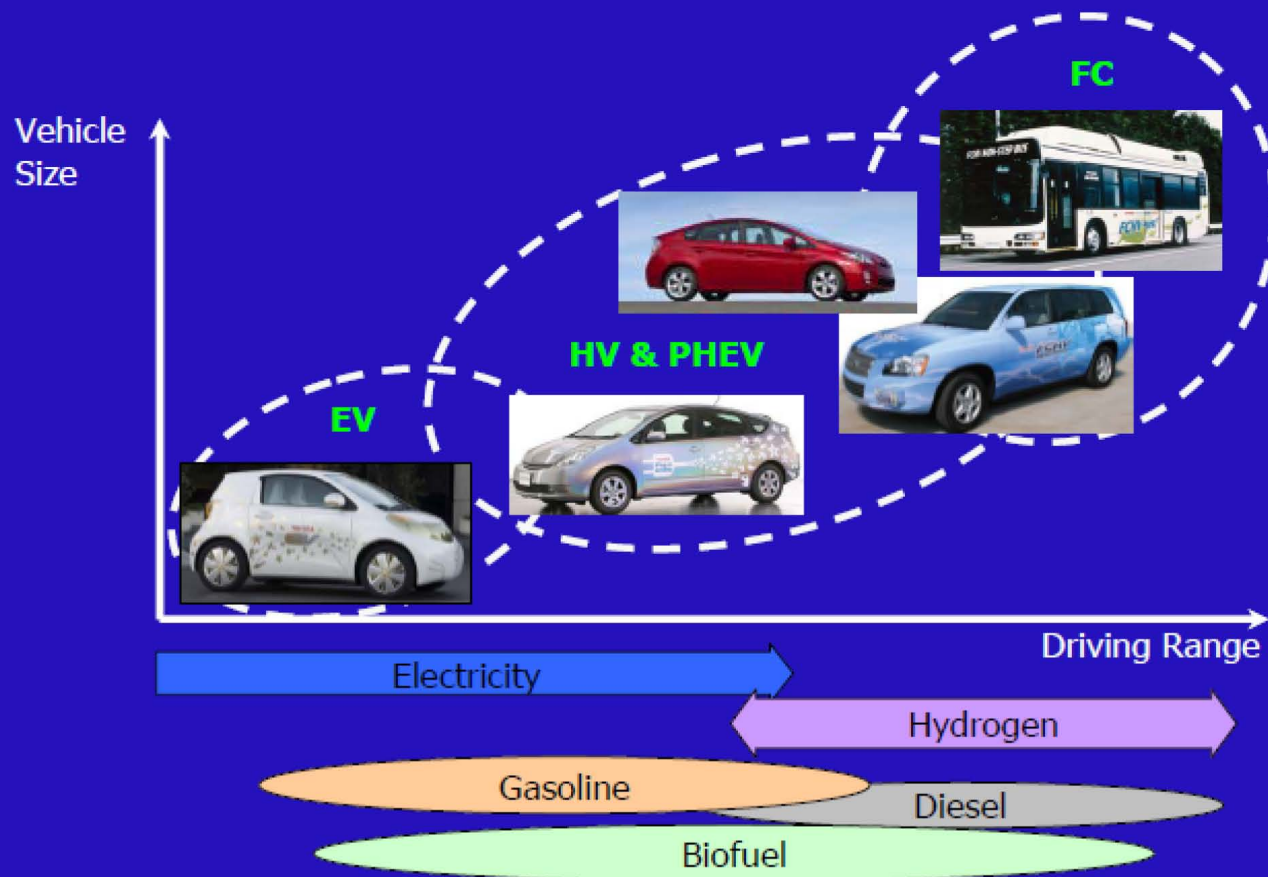
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Toyota View or Alternative Vehicle Space: Market Segments for Each Technologies



CHBC H₂ and Fuel Cell on-road workshop.

